Dimension W

YUJI IWAHARA

'COURSE NOT, IIIIDIOT.

ARE YOU A COP?

ST—

STAY BACK!

ILLEGAL ENERGY HARVESTING IS A SERIOUS CRIME, Y'KNOW.

IT'S ILLEGALLY MODIFIED, AIN'T IT?

.....THE "COIL" POWERING YOUR GUN THERE.

!?

WHAT ARE YOU, THEN?

I'M A *COLLECTOR.*

KOK! (CRACK)

FILE.01
THE FOURTH DIMENSION

POLICE
Dimension W
YUJI IWAHARA
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3-D MODEL DESIGN: TOSHIKAZU SENBA

Тесла, Никола
10 июля 1856
7 января 1943 (86 лет)

HISTORY TELLS OF A GENIUS INVENTOR WHO STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER WITH THOMAS EDISON.

THIS MAN PROPOSED POWERING THE ENTIRE GLOBE THROUGH WIRELESS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION—

NIKOLA TESLA.

HE WAS A GENIUS AHEAD OF HIS TIME. BOTH DURING HIS LIFETIME AND LONG AFTER HIS DEATH, THEY SAID HIS DREAM COULD NEVER COME TRUE, BUT...

...ONE HUNDRED YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, A GROUNDBREAKING INVENTION...

...RAPIDLY TURNED TESLA'S VISION INTO REALITY—

NEW TESLA SATELLITE COIL SYSTEM

CROSS-DIMENSIONAL ELECTROMAGNETIC INDUCTORS...

...A.K.A. "COILS."

IN THE YEAR 2036, THE EXISTENCE OF A FOURTH DIMENSION BEYOND THE PLANES OF X, Y, AND Z WAS PROVEN. ITS NAME: DIMENSION W. THE COILS AND THEIR REVOLUTIONARY TECHNOLOGY...

...WERE DEVELOPED TO HARNESS DIMENSION W'S ENDLESS SUPPLY OF ENERGY.

W

Z

X

Y

New Tesla Energy Founder
SHIDOU YURIZAKI, SPEAKER

Just as the second and third dimensions connect at a point of origin, so too does the next dimension.

That point is light.

SHI

So long as we are confined to this dimension, it exists out of our reach.

However, it is not so far away that we cannot make use of our minds to grasp it.

We— mankind— now hold it in our hands.

SIXTY COLOSSAL TOWERS WERE CONSTRUCTED ACROSS THE GLOBE TO STABILIZE THE ENERGY OF DIMENSION W, SAFEGUARDING THE ENERGY HARVESTING THROUGH COILS.

UPON THEIR COMPLETION, WIRELESS POWER WAS AVAILABLE ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

POWER STATIONS AND POWER LINES ALL BECAME A THING OF THE PAST.

BATTERIES: ALKALINE

"THE WORLD SYSTEM—"

CENTRAL 47

NIKOLA TESLA'S VISION TOOK ON A NEW FORM...

...AND NOW, IN 2072...

...IT POWERS THE ENTIRE GLOBE.

SERVICE

...has risen past 400%.

The gas-oline tax...

AUTO SERVICE

PI (BEEP)

PI PI PI PI PI PI PI PI PI

KACHA

KACHA (CLANK)

This move is in prepa-ration for the planned ban of all non-electric auto-mobiles three years from now.

GARA (ROLL)

ガラガラ

Now for our next news item...

Conse-quently, the price of one liter of gasoline has climbed to a mind-boggling 2,800 yen.

It has been two years since his disappearance, prompting rumors that he is already dead...

Dr. Shidou Yurizaki, inventor of Coils and former CEO of New Tesla Energy, remains missing.

PI PI PI PI

CHA (CLACK)

KOKI (CRACK)

MUKU (STAND)

.....

KOKI

PI PI PI PI

It will soon be the ten-year anniversary of the World System's completion.

CAR Wash

IT'S ME.

PI

ZA ZA ZA (SHUFFLE)

STICK TO BEING JUST BIG-BODIED, NOT BIG-VOICED TOO...

BIRI (CRACKLE)

BIRI

"It's me..."

...my ass!!!

Did you say something?

NOT A WORD.

... Kyouma!!

Don't you dare ignore my calls...

Mary's

They said you recovered that illegally modified Coil...

...while it was still virtually unused.

The client, New Tesla, was impressed with your work.

.....

WHAT'RE YOU CALLING FOR, MARY?

Oh, I know. You really hit it out of the park.

I ALREADY WRAPPED UP THAT GIG FOR YOU.

ODDBALL JUNK CAR LOVER OR NOT...

IT JUST GOES TO SHOW THAT I KNOW HOW TO PICK 'EM.

CUT TO THE CHASE. .....

IF THIS IS JUST A SOCIAL CALL, I'M HANGING UP.

SERVICE

Wait, now.

...

YOU'RE A MAN WHO KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS DONE, I TOLD THEM. ♡

I WOULDN'T CALL YOU FOR NO REASON, WOULD I?

THE NEXT GIG'S LINED UP.

COME HERE TONIGHT. AND DON'T STAND ME UP.

UNDER-STAND?

PIN (PING)

FU (FSSTO)

SIGNS: REGULAR / HIGH OCTANE

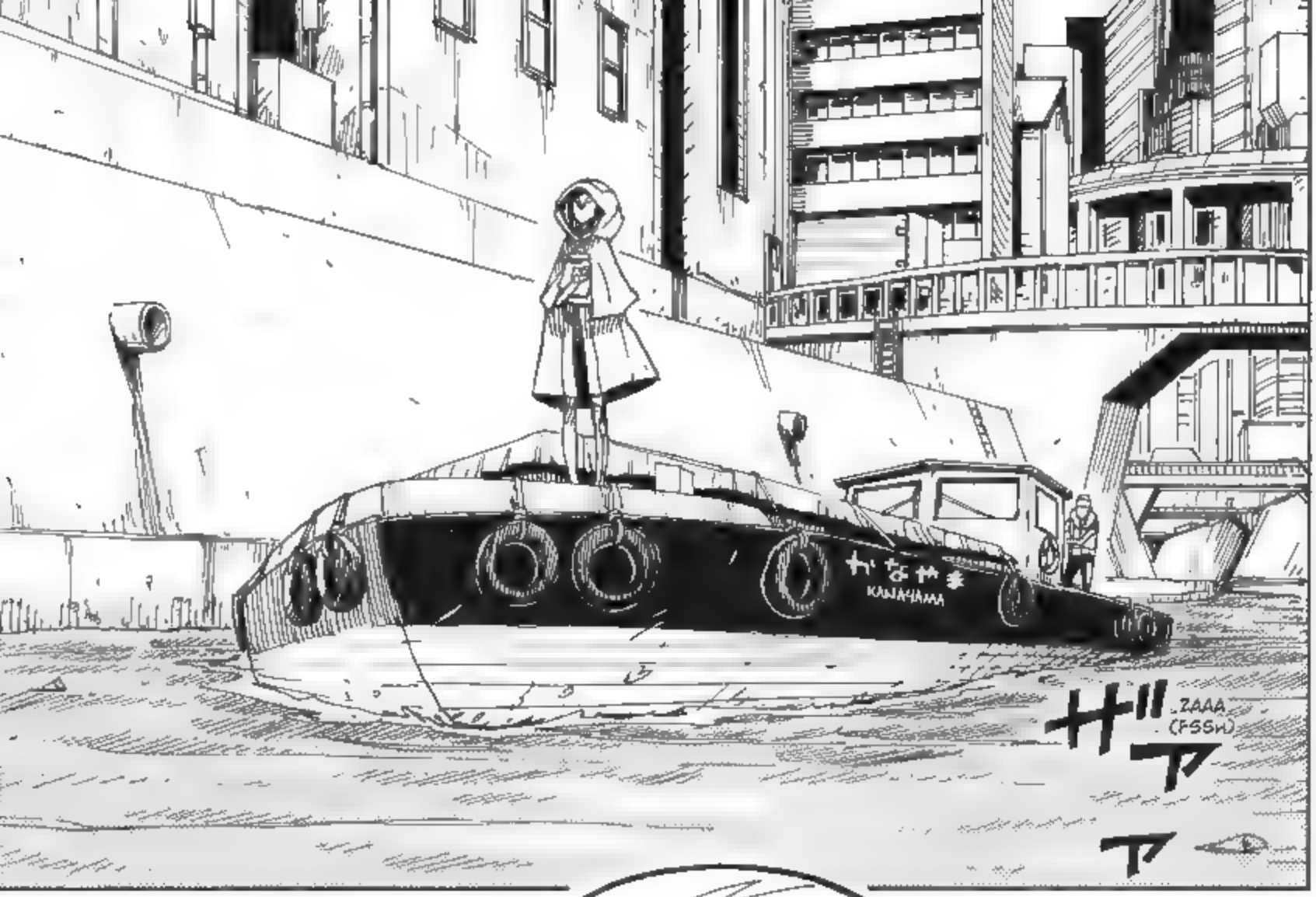
COULD'VE AT LEAST GIVEN ME AN ACTUAL TIME.

.....SHE HUNG UP ON ME.

HEY—

PUTSU (CLICK)

KYA (GIGGLE)
キャッ
KYA
キャッ
BAN (BAM)
BAN
バーン
...TCH.
HUHN?
WAAAH!
キャ KYA
KYA
キャ!!!
BYUU (ZOOM)
HEY!
YOU BRATS!
GIMME A BREAK ALREADY ...
BLEEEH! DUMMY!
THE JUNKYARD MAN CAME OUTTA HIS JUNKYARD HOUSE!
AND DON'T COME BACK!
(RRM)


KANAGAWA
ZAAA
(FSSH)
ZAAA

C'MON, NOW...

...WHAT'RE FRIENDS FOR?

CHA (CLACK)

ZAAA (FSSH)

THINK NOTHIN' OF IT.

YES.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

IS AROUND HERE CLOSE ENOUGH FOR YA?

HERE'S YER STOP.

GIVE YER PA MY REGARDS.

BE CAREFUL, YOU HEAR?

GOBO (PUTTER)

GOBO

BO

TON (TAP)

For your energy needs, only use NTE-sanctioned Coils.

The use of modified Coils is a crime punishable by law.

This is a public service announcement from New Tesla Energy.

ウィーン (VREEN)

カン (CLANG)

KAN

KAN

KAN

KA

KA (TAK)

KA

KA

キラ

KA (SHINE)

ATTACK POINT

There it is, folks!

Challenger Buffalo Gale's mighty tackle!

Is the champion down for the count!?

DO IT! FINISH HIM OFF!

GET 'IM!

WAAH!

WAAH!

HRUMPH

GUSHA (CRUSH)

BUCHI (SNAP)

BUCHI

The champion defends his throne for a fourth time!

Coil Break!

OOO (ROAR)

DOSA! (THUD)
ドサッ
GORO
ゴロ
GORO (TUMBLE)
ゴロゴロ
HYO! (DODGE)
ヒョイ
DOGO (WHOK)
ドゴッ
GBEH!
HE CAME UP HERE BOASTING ABOUT HIS STRENGTH.
SO I TOLD HIM TO PROVE HIMSELF AGAINST FOUR.
OH, IT'S SIMPLE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
IT'S FASTER TO KNOCK SENSE INTO IDIOTS THAN TO TALK SENSE INTO THEM.
AIN'T FOUR MILITARY SPEC?
.....
FUKI (WIPE)
フキ
FUKI
フキ

NOPE.

HE GOT WHAT HE DESERVED FOR JUMPING ON A CHALLENGE FROM A WITCH.

HE GOT WHAT HE DESERVED FOR IGNORING WHAT'S COMMON SENSE TO ANY REAL COLLECTOR.

THEY'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO MILITARY COILS, NOT TO MENTION ILLEGAL COILS.

HE SET HIMSELF UP FOR FAILURE THE VERY MOMENT HE RELIED ON A CIVILIAN COIL.

BOSU (WHUMP)

UIIN (VWEEN)

PACHIN (SNAP)

SIT.

(BEEP)

PA (FLICKER)

EVERY MON

JONY MON

THIS IS THE NEXT GIG I HAVE FOR YOU.

.....

GOOD OLD "SHADOW TOWN" ...

WHAT ARE THEY USING THE COILS FOR?

...A HIVE FOR ILLEGAL IMMI-GRANTS.

EVERY WON

JONY WON

JONY AND EVERY WON.

WE RECEIVED A TIP THAT THEY'VE GOTTEN THEIR GRUBBY HANDS ON SEVERAL ILLEGAL COILS.

THEY'RE BROTHERS WHO'VE BEEN THROWING THEIR WEIGHT AROUND A LITTLE TOO MUCH IN OLD TOWN, IT SEEMS.

SURE WOULD.

BUT THE COMPE-TITION MIGHT BEAT US TO THE PUNCH THEN.

WE CAN WAIT FOR MORE INFO IF YOU WANT.

WHO CAN SAY? NOTHING GOOD, I'M SURE.

YOU'RE A REAL ECCENTRIC, YOU KNOW THAT?

HALF IN GASOLINE?

I'LL TAKE MY COMPENSATION IN THE USUAL WAY.

THE WAY YOU KNOW THE TERROR OF COILS BETTER THAN ANYONE...

YOUR REASON FOR LIVING PRACTICALLY LIKE A HERMIT IN THAT OLD GAS STATION OF YOURS...

...BUT...

...THAT'S WHY I VALUE YOU SO HIGHLY.

I FORGET. IT'S ANCIENT HISTORY.

HEE HEE HEE...

I'M EXPECTING GREAT THINGS FROM YOU, KYOUMA MABUCHI.

BATAN (SLAM)
バタン

SFX: KYUHYUHYU (RWHRR)

キュヒュヒュ

BORURUN (BRRM)
ボルルン

ON (VROOM)
オン

GAKON (CLUNK)
ガコン

KYUKYU (SCREECH)
キュキュ

BO (VRRM)
BO
BO
BO
BO

GACHA (KACHAK)
ガチャ

DAMN WITCH.

GUESS I'LL GET THIS OVER WITH.

CENTRAL

HA!

HA!

I HAVE TO HURRY HOME...

WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE? DON'CHA KNOW IT'S DANGEROUS ...

...FER GIRLS TO WALK THROUGH SHADOW TOWN ALL ALONE? HYUK-HYUK HYUK!

.....

AH-HA!

GABA (SNATCH)

EEK

WHY AREN'T YOU STRUGGLING?

GO AHEAD, CRY AND SCREAM!

GUI (YANK)

COME ON!

.....

SFX PA (DROP)

GOT ALL WORKED UP FOR NOTHING.

PECHA (SPLICK)

.....

BAH. THAT'S NO FUN.

WHAT? THAT'S WHY?

PE (SPIKE)

DOSA (WHUMP)

PAN (PAT)
PAN
GASA (CRINKLE)
GISHI
GISHI (SNEAK)
KII (CREAK)
...
...I STEPPED OUT FOR A MINUTE TO BUY MEDICINE AND OTHER THINGS WE NEEDED .....
FATHER...
.....MIRA...
...WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
I HOPE NOT...
SHH. REST IN BED.
.....NOTHING YOU NEED TO WORRY ABOUT, FATHER.
.....YOU DIDN'T RUN INTO ANY TROUBLE?

.....

...FOR MY SELFISH WAYS...

...MIRA...

YOU MUST HATE ME.....

BATAN (SLAM)

バタン

GACHA (KACHAK)

ガチャ

I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN-STAIRS.

.....I'LL FETCH YOU SOME WATER.

KA- (TAP)

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KA

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.....

DON (BLIMP)

EEP!

E—

EXCUSE... ME...

NUOO CLOOMJ

.....

DARAN (DANGLE)
ダラ
THAT'S THE MAN WHO...
MN.
!?
BURAN (LIFT)
ブラ
BA (LUNGE)
ば
...!
NEE-HEE.
...ON THIS BABY!
GOTO (CLUNK)
ゴト
FEAST YOUR EYES...
AAAH-HA-HA-HA!

LOOKS LIKE A PLAIN OLD SQUIRT GUN TO ME.

.....

THAT IT IS!

AN ELECTRIC ONE.

YOU CAN'T BE SAYING THESE TOYS ARE THE TRICK YOU PROMISED YOU HAD UP YOUR SLEEVE...

...RIGHT, JONY?

THIS IS THE REAL DEAL. OUR SECRET WEAPON!

NIM-RODS!

WHEN THEY'RE POWERED BY THESE, THAT IS.

SU (SWIP)

!

CHA (CHAK)

THEY'RE *UNBEATABLE.*

EN-HANCED PUMPS...

HIGH CAPACITY TANKS...

NII (SNEER)

THOSE ARE...

...ILLEGAL COILS!?

NO WAY...

JUST ONE OF THESE BABIES IS WORTH THREE MIL.

IF NOT FOR THE "X" MARKS, YOU COULDN'T TELL THEM APART FROM LEGAL COILS.

WATCH THIS.

CHA (CLICK)

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU MANAGED TO GET SOME.

ARE THEY THE GENUINE ARTICLE?

YOU SHOULD HAVE SHOWN US THOSE FROM THE GET-GO!

SUCHA (CHAK)

SAY GOOD-BYE TO LIMITERS... AND HELLO TO...

KACHI (CLICK)

BO (BOOM)

...THE TRUE POWER OF A COIL!!!

DOPAAAA (KER-SPLOOSH)

FIO

PISH! (CRACK)

ANYBODY WHO DISSES US WILL GO SPLAT!

ALL THAT FORCE, AND THAT'S WITH JUST A SQUIRT GUN!

AAAH-HA-HA-HA!

ZAAA (SPLISH)

HOLY ...

OF COURSE THEY DO. A TICKET TO USE ALL THE CROSS-DIMENSIONAL ENERGY YOU WANT, WITHOUT PAYING NOBODY.....

SW (SUP)

ZAP

THEY'D HAVE TO BE IDIOTS TO LET SOME-THING THIS CRAZY STAY UNCHECKED.

WE CAN SHUT UP THE GUYS IN THE SOUTH DISTRICT WITH THIS!

THOSE COILS CAN GO IN OTHER THINGS TOO, RIGHT?

NO DUH!

WE JUST CAN'T LET WORD GET OUT THAT WE HAVE ILLEGAL COILS.

NEW TESLA OFFERS REWARD MONEY FOR TURNING THESE SUCKERS IN.

.....

BIG HAUL FOR PUNKS LIKE THEM. GOTTA SAY, I'M IMPRESSED.

TWELVE COILS IN ALL...

TOO BAD...

SOMETHING SHINY DISTRACT HIM AGAIN?

ANYWAY, WHERE'D EVERY GET OFF TO?

SHUPIN (SAWING)

シュピン

...IT WAS A POINTLESS INVESTMENT.

KRA (CRACK)

キラッ!!

PITA (STOP)

ピタ!!

!?

YOU'RE LATE, EVERY!

GACHA (KACHAK)

ガチャ!!!

BRO!

YOU WANNA SEE?

HEH HEH HEH!

WHAT'VE YOU GOT THERE, EVERY?

HUH?

WE'RE HAVING AN IMPORTANT MEETING. YOU NEED TO BE HERE FOR...

—DOSA (WHUMP)

!!!?

A GIRL?

SHE GOT ATTACKED BY A PERV, SO I BEAT HIM UP.

A MINE?

NOW SHE'S MINE.

MINE!

WHERE'D YOU BRING THIS GIRL FROM?

SHE SAW EVERY'S FACE.

WE CAN'T JUST PUT HER BACK WHERE HE FOUND HER.

MORE LIKE WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE GIRL?

..... WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH YOU...?

YOU GUYS ARE A REAL CLASS ACT.

!!?

?

HEH HEH HEH!

...NOT THIS AGAIN.

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO KEEP HER DRUGGED HERE UNTIL EVERY GETS BORED WITH HER.

IF SHE DIES, WE CAN CROSS THAT BRIDGE WHEN WE COME TO IT.

PI
SHU (ZING)
PI
PIN
WHO'S THERE !?
DOSU
GUAH!
YOWCH!
DOS..
DOSU (THNK)
CHARA (CLINK)
SKEW-ERS!!?
!!?
BEFORE YOU GET THE WRONG IDEA...
...I'M NOT HERE TO SAVE THAT GIRL.
IT AIN'T IN MY JOB DESCRIPTION.

OOO (HWOO)
THOSE ILLEGAL COILS ARE ALL I'M AFTER.
BE GOOD KIDDOS AND HAND THEM OVER NICE AND EASY...IF YOU DON'T WANNA GET HURT.

ZAKU (STAB)
ZAKU
GRK!
TCH!
BA (WHOOSH)
CHA (CHAK)
A COL-LECTOR !?
NOT A VERY BRIGHT ONE, ARE YOU?
ZA (TUMP)
YEE-AAARGH!
JONY!
BRO!
IT'S TO KEEP STOOGES LIKE YOU FROM RUNNING AMOK WITH THEM.
YOU KNOW WHY NEW TESLA KEEPS SUCH A TIGHT HOLD ON COILS?
CHARIN (CLINK)
THOSE COILS ARE TOO MUCH FOR AMATEURS TO HANDLE ANYWAY.

GET OUT HERE ALREADY, YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS!

SHAD-DAP!

SH...

DON'T SAY I DIDN'T WARN YOU WHEN YOUR PRECIOUS COILS BITE YOU IN THE ASS.

ZORO (STOMP)

ZORO

GABA (BAM)

YESSIR!

DON'T LET THIS CREEP LEAVE ALIVE!

∞ (ROAR)

UWAAH!

KILL 'IM!

IT'S LIKE TALKING TO A WALL.

GARARA TANGLE

ガラガラ

I'LL TAKE THEM BY FORCE.

BA (FLAP)

HAVE IT YOUR WAY.

AARGH!

AH!

I'LL GET YOU!

PIKU (TWITCH)

WHOA!

GYAH!

WHERE AM I!?

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON...?
IS HE EVEN HUMAN !!?
THAT MAN...

!

HE'S A MON-STER ..

FATHER!

HA (GASP)

!!

ズシン

ZUSHIN (WHUD)

EEK!

STAY STILL!

THAT SHOULD TEACH YOU A LESSON.

YOU WANNA WATCH THIS GIRL DIE!? HUH!?

CHA (CHAK)

.....

LOSE ALL YOUR CRAZY SKEWERS AND GIVE UP!

OR ELSE...

FORGET ABOUT THE COILS AND SCRAM!

SHAD-DAP!

I TOLD YOU, IT'S NOT MY JOB TO SAVE ANY GIRLS.

ARE YOU DEAF, PUNK?

...IF YOU THINK THAT'LL SAVE YOU.

THEN GET IT OVER WITH...

THIS AIN'T NO BLUFF!

I'LL DO IT!

...I'LL BLOW THE GIRL'S EYEBALL OUT THE BACK OF HER HEAD!

...!!!

MU (MIRPH)

WHAT THE—!?
BUN (FLING)
フー
...I'M SORRY!
GYUU (CLENCH)
ギュッ...!
.....FATHER...
BWUH?

...YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.
I COULDN'T FOLLOW...
OOO (HWOO)
!!?
GUSHAA (CRUSH)
WARGH!

TSUKA (CLOP)

TSUKA

TSUKA

APPAR-ENTLY NOT.

.....

SHE WASN'T... HUMAN .....?

PIKU

PIKU (TWITCH)

SHE...

PAAN (SLAP)

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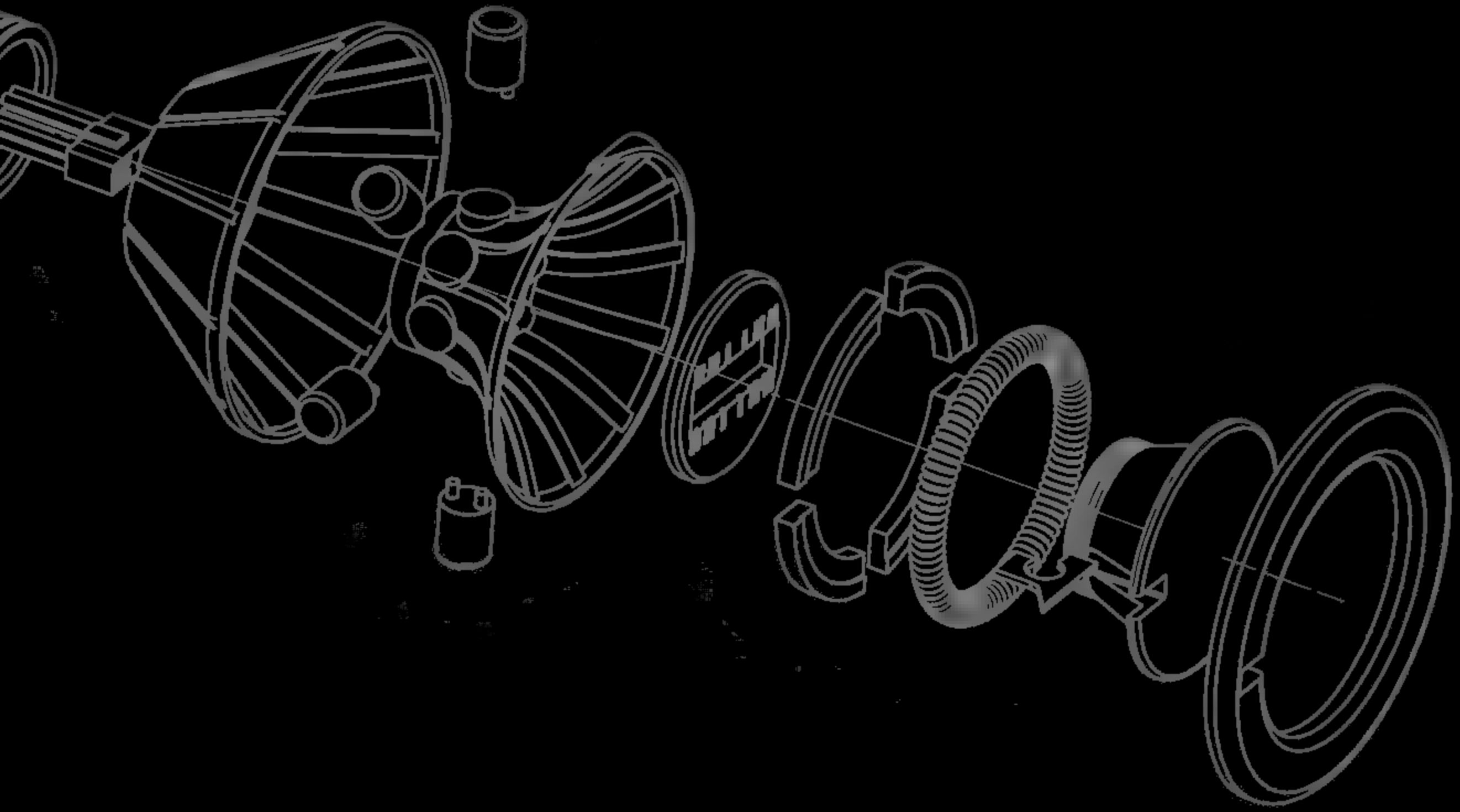
YOU'RE DESPICABLE!

Dimension



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PURSUIT

GASSHU
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...MA-
BUCHI.
MABUCHI.

HA (GASP)

WAKE UP, MABUCHI.

IN-TRIGU-ING.

.....GOOD LORD.

TO THINK THAT I'D EVER FIND A BEAST OF A MAN LIKE YOU KNOCKED OUT COLD...

ALBERT SCHU-MANN ...!?

HMM?

WHAT KIND OF MONSTER MUST YOUR FOE HAVE BEEN?

KIRAN (SPARKLE)
キラン
NT ENERGY
NI (TWINKLE)
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MABUCHI. WHAT HAS IT BEEN, FOUR YEARS?
WHAT ARE YOU ...?
GAH!
HMM.
OH, I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE AREA.
ズキ ZUKI (THROB)
GUH...
DAMN IT.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
SEE FOR YOUR-SELF.
GACHA (KACHAK)
ガチャ
!
TALKING LIKE YOU'RE SOME BIG SHOT...
I'LL LET YOU HAVE A LITTLE PEAK.
COME WITH ME.
"JUST HAP-PENED TO BE"?

JESUS...
THIS HAS GOT TO BE A JOKE.
YOU SEE?
Keep in line!
I COULDN'T AGREE MORE.
The more cooperative you are, the sooner you can go home.
Step lively, now.

YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH THEM, I'M SURE.

THESE FELLOWS ARE D.A.B.'S OWN ELITE COIL INVESTIGATION FORCE, Q.I.!

...."D.A.B." —!

THE NEW TESLA ENERGY DIMENSION ADMINISTRATIVE BUREAU, ALSO KNOWN AS...

DAB

DAB

Qi

THESE GUYS WERE NOTHING BUT SMALL FRIES.

WHAT THE HECK ARE THE BUREAU'S ELITES DOING OUT HERE?

WE MAY BE SEEING MORE OF EACH OTHER.

I'M THE CHIEF INVESTI-GATOR HERE NOW.

...WHAT IS IT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

THAT'S CLASSIFIED, NATURALLY.

WE'RE NOT IN-TERESTED IN THEM.

YOU'RE HERE FOR SOME-THING ELSE, THEN?

SINCE WE DID, WE'LL BE LOOKING INTO IT AND HANDING THEM OVER TO THE POLICE.

...WE SIMPLY HAPPENED TO COME UPON TRACES OF ILLEGAL COIL USE.

I'LL PASS.

.....GOOD-NESS ME. SHOOTING ME DOWN ONCE AGAIN?

.....AL-THOUGH ...

...IF YOU WOULD WORK FOR ME, I COULD GIVE YOU A DIFFERENT ANSWER.

HYJ (WHIZ)

.....THAT WOULD HOLD ONE BACK, INDEED.

I SEE YOU HATE COILS AS MUCH AS EVER.

...QUITE PRIMITIVE WEAPONS YOU'RE USING...

AH, BUT I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU LEFT OUT HOW I APPROPRIATED THOSE COILS.

GIVE MARY MY REGARDS.

YEAH, YEAH.

WHILE I'D LOVE TO STAY AND HEAR ALL ABOUT WHOEVER KNOCKED YOU FLAT...

...I HAVE A MISSION TO FINISH.

PASH! (CATCH)

...ANY ILLEGAL COILS IN THEIR POSSESSION.

I HATE TO BREAK THIS TO YOU, BUT WE'LL BE CONFIS-CATING...

KA (TAK)

KA

UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN, MABUCHI.

BYE.

GO KNOCK YOURSELF OUT.

IN A WAY, HE'S THE MOST HARMLESS MAN AROUND.

I'LL ALLOW IT.

We're just letting him walk off?

Are you sure about this, Chief?

NOW, THEN...

...BACK TO THE MISSION.

ONE OF THESE DAYS, I'LL MAKE HIM MINE.

HE CAN'T BETRAY THIS WORLD.

HE LIVES IN THE PAST, AND HE WILL DIE IN THE PAST.

YEAH, YOU HEARD ME RIGHT, MARY...

.....I COULDN'T GET THE COILS.

SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE ON THE HUNT FOR SOME-THING.

YEAH.

D.A.B. was there?

D.A.B. SHOWED UP. IT WAS OUT OF MY HANDS.

CUT ME SOME SLACK.

LOOK, I'M SORRY!

Infor-mation doesn't come cheap, you know!

You're kidding me!

KIIN (SCREECH)

I'D BE LYING IF I SAID I DIDN'T HAVE ANY IDEAS.....

.....

ANY IDEA WHAT THEY COULD BE AFTER?

ODD.

...OR WHEN SOME-THING'S TOO MUCH FOR COLLECTORS TO HANDLE

.....

...D.A.B. ONLY MOBILIZ-ES WHEN THERE'S AN ACCI-DENT...

YOU'RE DESPICABLE!

DAAN (SLAP)

I'll kill you!

You know I hate sulky people more than anything.

THAT AIN'T FUNNY...

OUT WITH IT!

THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU, KYOUMA.

.....

Which is it? Don't be evasive.

I WAS JUST IMAGINING THINGS.

...NAH, NEVER MIND.

It had tears in its eyes.

.....WHAT MAKES YOU BRING THAT UP?

The robot that got in my way.

...HAVE THEY STARTED MAKING ROBOTS THAT CAN CRY THESE DAYS?

FULL (GROAN)

HEY, MARY...

.....

...ITS EXPRESSION WAS COMPLETELY HUMAN.

...ONLY THING IS...

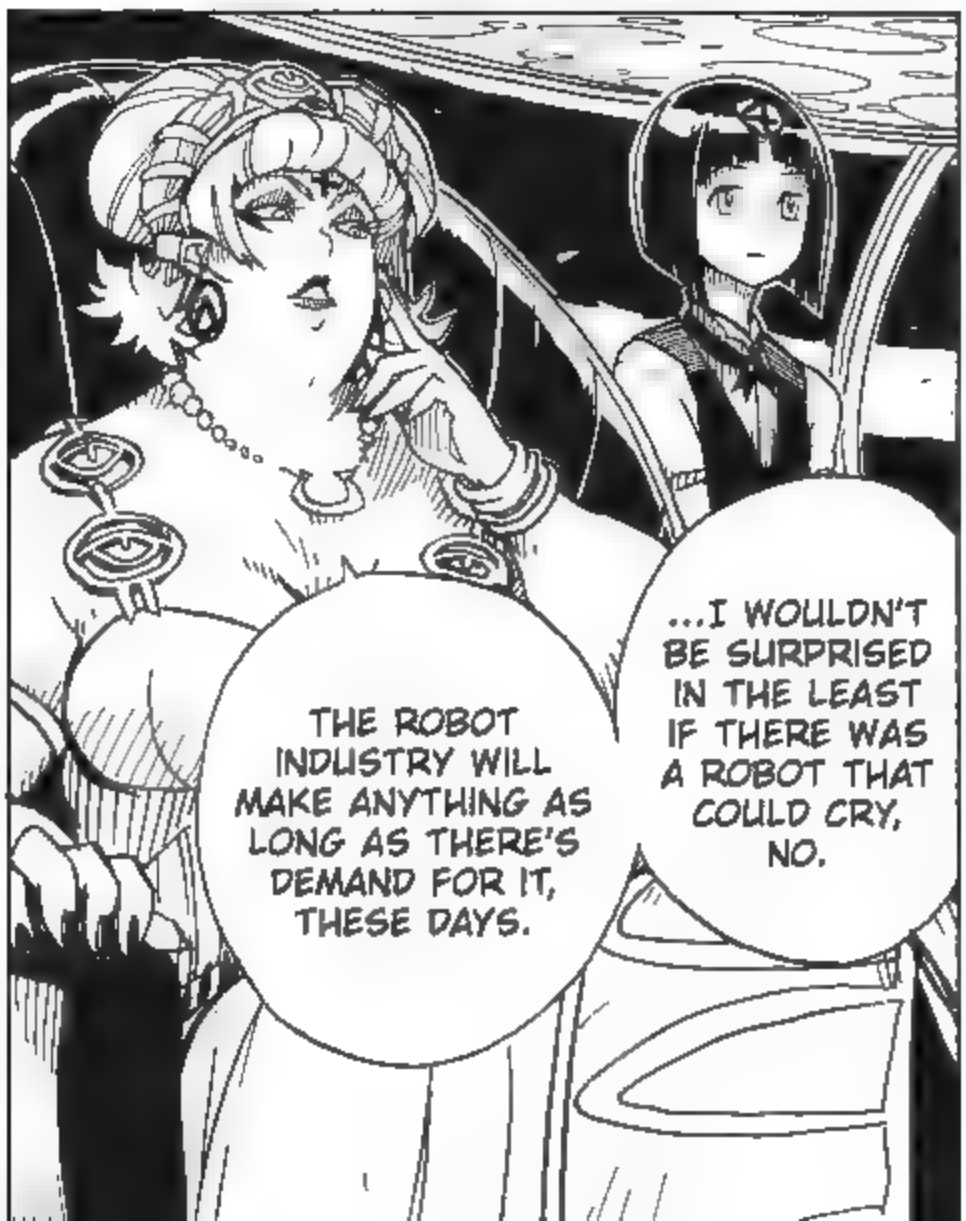
YEAH, I'M SURE.

NOT TO MENTION IT HAD THESE METAL PARTS ON ITS HEAD. IT WAS STUPID STRONG.

You're absolutely sure it was a robot?

...COULD IT HAVE BEEN...?

THAT THING...


THE ROBOT INDUSTRY WILL MAKE ANYTHING AS LONG AS THERE'S DEMAND FOR IT, THESE DAYS.
...I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IN THE LEAST IF THERE WAS A ROBOT THAT COULD CRY, NO.

.....
Did flame on your mind, Kyouma?
.....
SHADDAP.

.....

...ADD A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY, AND VOILÀ.

TAKE ONE MILITARY MAN WITH A SERIOUS TASTE FOR LITTLE BOYS...

THAT'S HOW FOUR WAS BUILT TOO.

THAT'S WHY INTERNATIONAL LAW STATES THAT ROBOTS MUST HAVE CLEARLY ARTIFICIAL PARTS ATTACHED TO THEIR HEADS, BUT THEN THERE HAVE BEEN CASES OF HUMANS WEARING THAT SORT OF THING FOR FUN TOO.

...MUCH LIKE WHEN PEOPLE STOPPED BEING ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CGI AND ACTUAL PHOTO-GRAPHS.

IT'S GETTING HARDER AND HARDER TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HUMANS AND ROBOTS WITH THE NAKED EYE...

.....

What you're really hung up on is the possibility that that body houses a real human, yes?

ALL THEY NEED IS A COIL, AND THEY WON'T RUN OUT OF POWER, EVEN IF THEY'RE NEGLECTED

.....

...BUT I DIGRESS.

Full cyber-netics ...

From the neck down...

...or even everywhere but the brain... a human body is replaced with an artificial one.....

A full body cyborg—

You know there's never been even one successful full-cybernetic transplant.

You know it's more complex than creating an entire robot from the ground up.

YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN ANYONE.

KYOUMA...

SADLY, THERE'S NO SUCH THING.

...I KNOW.

THEN THERE'S THE FACT THAT MODIFYING MORE THAN 60% OF THE BODY IS ILLEGAL BECAUSE OF ETHICS ISSUES.

IT'S IMPOSSI-BLE.

COILS CAN'T SUSTAIN LIFE.

Now, head back for the day. I can finish lecturing you later.

That's right.

IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, EVEN IF IT'S WHAT D.A.B. WAS LOOKING FOR.

I WAS THINKING TOO MUCH .....

THAT THING WAS JUST A ROBOT.

BOBOBO (PUTTER)

...HOLD ON A MINUTE.

.....

KA (FLASH)

BORURUN (BRRM)

THAT WAS A WASTE OF GORAM TIME...

GACHA (KACHAK)

PI (BEEP)

Nothing good can come of getting involved with D.A.B.

I'LL START BACK.

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT.

...AFTER I HIT THE FLOOR...

WHEN IT SLAPPED ME...

DO

DO

DO

DO (BADUM)

I REMEMBER NOW...

IT MADE OFF WITH THE COIL CASE...

(SMIRK)

THE REST ARE STILL ALL.....

THEN D.A.B. WOULD HAVE ONLY CONFISCATED THE ILLEGAL COIL THAT WAS TAKEN OUT OF THE CASE...

THOSE ILLEGAL COILS...

GYAKYUKYU (SCREECH)

VUUN (VRRM)

IT AIN'T OVER YET.

GAKO (CLUNK)

...ARE STILL MINE FOR THE TAKING.

∞ (VROO)

KAN (CLANG)

KAN

KAN

HUFF!

HUFF!

HUFF!

KYUN (VREEN)

No persons of interest coming up on bioscans either.

No Coil-generated dimensional reactions detected.

ZA

ZA (THUD)

ZA

Roger.

Don't overlook that.

He'd have replaced the Coil powering it with an illegal one to keep anyone from finding him.

...Four years ago, he received an artificial heart transplant.

...FATHER'S IN DANGER THE LONGER I HESITATE...

I CAN'T MOVE WITH SO MANY OF THEM DOWN THERE...

...BUT...

We'll fan out to the west.

It's like a maze in here.

GYU (SQUEEZE)

ギュ…

IF I CAN JUST GET THESE TO HIM, HIS HEART COULD KEEP GOING...

TAN (LEAP)

タ、

PI (BEEP)

PI PI PI

.....I KNOW THIS MEANS I'LL BE DIS-OBEYING FATHER AGAIN...

...BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO BE ACTING HUMAN!

DAMU (BAM)

HYU

HYUUUU (WHOOSH)

NAAL (MEOW)

CHARIN (JINGLE)

It's just some pet bot.

Noth-ing.

No...

Find some-thing?

Huh ?

HYU

ZUTA (TAMP)

Probably wandered in and got lost.

Its Coil is legal ...

ZEE (WHEEZE)
ゼ"エ
ZEE
ゼ"エ
PI (BEEP)
ピロロ"
PI
I'LL BE THERE SOON, FATHER.
TA (TMP)
タタタ
TA
TA
...!?
ZEE
ZEE
WITH MY HEALTH FAILING...I CANNOT KEEP RUNNING.....
Q.I.!!
SO, THEY'VE FINALLY TRACKED ME DOWN...
DRB

SO VERY CLOSE.....

I WAS SO CLOSE.....

...BOTH HIM...

...AND HIS RESEARCH.

I CANNOT OVER-STATE DR. YURIZAKI'S VALUE.

WE ARE TO SECURE HIM UNHARMED...

YUUN (VMM)

ウーン

.....SO IT HAS COME TO THIS...

...AGAINST THEM.....

VU

VU

I'LL USE THIS...

VU

VU (VRR)

KA

KA

KA (TANG)

!!?

HYU (WHOOSH)

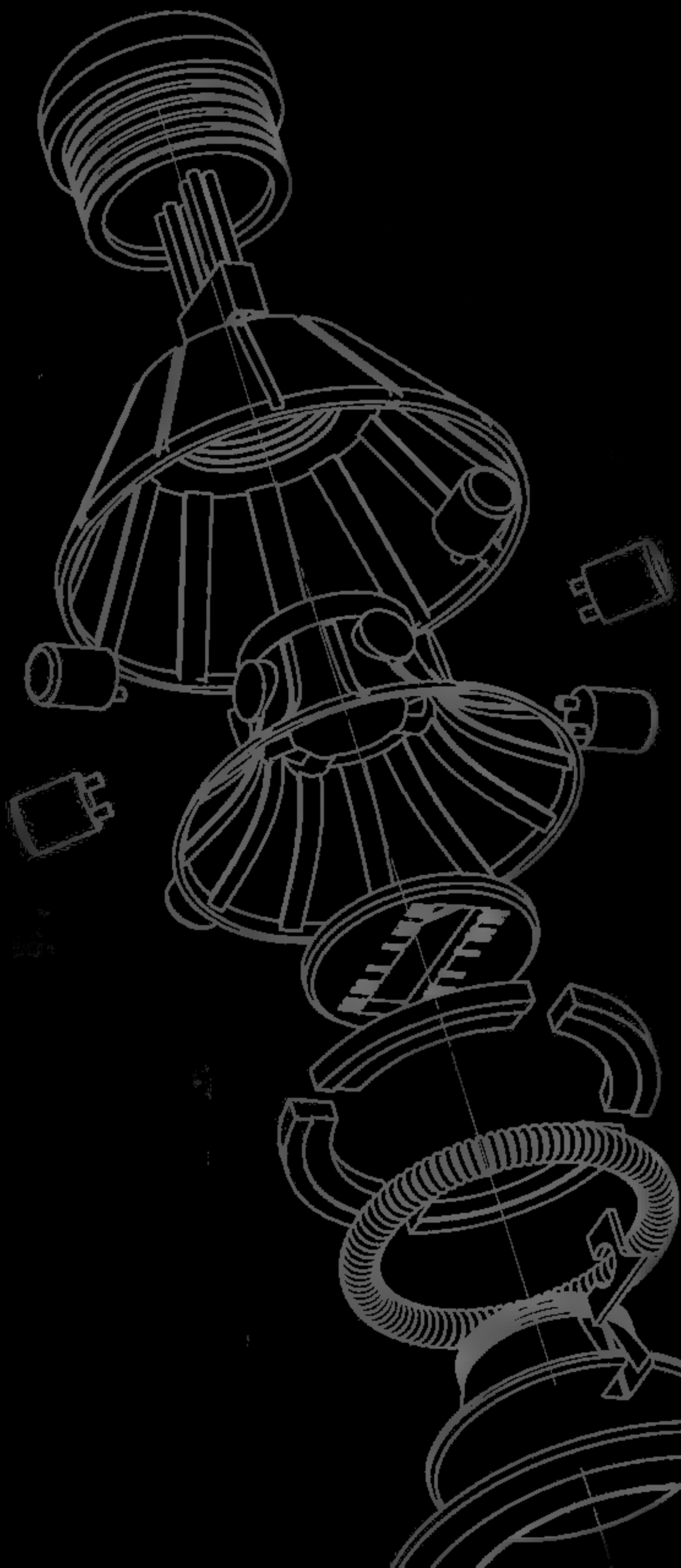
LOOKS LIKE THIS NOSE OF MINE AIN'T LOST IT YET.

HAD A FEELING YOU MIGHT SHOW UP ALONG IT IF I WAS LUCKY...

I KNEW THE TYPICAL ROUTE OF THE BIG GUY WHO SNATCHED YOU.

...!

Dimension



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LIGHT OF THE BEGINNING

GLAD TO SEE YA...

...ROBOT.

TA (CHOP)

HUP!

A COLLEC-TOR!

I'M A COLLEC-TOR!

...THE YAKITORI-STAND MAN!

.....

YOU'RE THE MAN WITH THE SKEWERS ...

YOU HAD ME DUPED, ALL RIGHT.

NEVER EVEN CROSSED MY MIND YOU MIGHT BE COMPE-TITION.

ZA (THUD)

KYUN (WHIRR)

.....WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

COMPE-TITION?

HE'S NOT CARRYING A SINGLE COIL-POWERED DEVICE!

PI (BLIP)

PI (BLIP)

PI (BLIP)

THIS MAN...

DON'T PLAY DUMB, NOW.

!

THE ILLEGAL COILS.

YOU WERE AFTER THOSE FROM THE START, WEREN'T YOU?

THE JIG'S UP.

I MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE ...

ALL HE HAS IS AN OLD-FASHIONED CELL PHONE AND METAL SKEWERS...

YOU'RE WRONG!

THE PERSON CONTROLLING YOU IS ANOTHER COLLECTOR.

NAH, NOT QUITE.

MEANING THAT YOU—

THERE'D ONLY BE ONE REASON FOR YOU TO STOP AND STEAL THAT CASE AFTER WHAT HAPPENED.

AND THAT'S FOR THE REWARD MONEY NEW TESLA OFFERS.

HAVING SUCH A HUMANLIKE ROBOT ***PRETEND*** TO BE UNCON-SCIOUS...

...NOT A BAD PLAN, I'LL GRANT YOU THAT.

... AND THEN WAITING FOR THE RIGHT CHANCE FOR IT TO MAKE OFF WITH THE COILS...

SHUT UP...

...DOLL.

IT'S THE PUPPETEER I'M TALKING TO RIGHT NOW ANYWAY, AIN'T IT?

THEY'RE MY HAUL.

...BUT I LAID CLAIM ON THOSE ILLEGAL COILS FIRST.

IT ALL FITS RIGHT INTO PLACE.

...

THE TEARS, THE OVERDRAMATIC EXPRESSIONS— IT WAS ALL TO PULL THE WOOL OVER THE TARGETS' EYES.

SURA (SLIDE) スラ "!

SO, ROBOT...

...YOU'LL HAND THOSE COILS OVER— ALL OF THEM.

...IF YOU WANT TO STAY IN ONE PIECE...

...BUT I CAN'T LET YOU HAVE THEM!

NO!

I'M SORRY FOR SLAPPING YOU...

PLEASE DON'T SLOW ME DOWN AGAIN!

!

GO (LEAP)

PYUHYU (ZAP)

HYUN

YOU'RE NOT GETTIN' AWAY!

This building is giving off an anti-scanning field so strong it sticks out like a sore thumb.
We can't scan it properly.
Yes, sir.
YOU'RE CERTAIN THIS IS IT?
Already done, sir.
HOW LONG UNTIL THE AREA IS SECURED AND EMPTIED?
GOOD.
DAB

GARA (SLIDE)

Dr. Yurizaki...

...we know you're in there.

Please show yourself. We want to talk.

I HAVE NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU PEOPLE.

BE-GONE!!

96% match.

It's him.

I'm afraid we can't leave.

The New Tesla Energy Council wishes to reconcile with you.

REC-ONCILE WITH ME? HA!

MY FAMILY WAS STOLEN FROM ME.

THE ONLY EMOTION LEFT IN ME IS WRATH.

TWO YEARS AGO...

...NEW TESLA FORCED THEIR WAY INTO OUR PRIVATE LAB TO STEAL MY RESEARCH.

THEY KILLED MY WIFE, SEIRA...

...AND MY DAUGHTER, ICHIGO.

I WILL NEVER FORGIVE THAT!

The board admits their fault in the matter as well.

...those involved in the incident have been dealt with.

While it has not been made public...

...That was an unfortunate oversight caused by the former D.A.B. director misinterpreting the Council's orders.

IT IS TOO LATE TO GO BACK!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH!

We implore you to put aside your anger for the time being and work with us to—

...New Tesla Energy needs your ingenuity now more than ever.

... Doctor ...

...A DUTY TO...

.....THIS WORLD...!

BECAUSE I CREATED THE WORLD SYSTEM...

I HAVE A DUTY TO FULFILL.

EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE...

WHEEZE!

WHEEZE!

WHEEZE!

...a second ring!?

It has...

SU (LIFT)

Z

!?

...Look at that Coil...

...
ANSWER
...!!

THIS...IS
MY...

DEAR
GOD...A
DUAL-RING
COIL?

HA
(GASP)

...
FATHER?

ZA
(CLICK)

BUON
(KICK)

PI
(BEEP)
PI

DISTRACT-
ED?

GYURURU (WHIRL)

ギュルル

DOWN YOU GO!

PIN (SHWING)

GO-!!

AH...

DOSU (WHAM)

EVEN INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT COULDN'T BREAK THAT.

DON'T BOTHER TRYING TO CUT YOURSELF FREE.

KIRIRI (STRUGGLE)

.....

L...

LET ME GO. PLEASE ...!!

LOOK WHO'S A ROBOT AFTER ALL?

IF YOU WERE FLESH AND BLOOD, THAT WOULD HAVE RIPPED OFF YOUR ARM AND LEG.

A PLEA FOR PITY, COMING FROM A ROBOT? REALLY?

THAT'S NOT GONNA WORK ANYMORE.

SHUT IT.

I HAVE TO HURRY... MY FATHER NEEDS ME...

I...

NO!

OR IS THIS JUST YOUR PROGRAMMING TALKING?

THIS "FATHER" GUY...IS HE THE PUPPETEER?

(WHOOM)

!

I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT FALLING FOR THAT—

TEARS ?

GYU (TUG)

キュ

AAAH...

AH...

WHAT THE— !?

FATHER!

NO!

YOU'LL...

GUH!

SO (POP)

SA (FRITZ)

...WHAT IS THIS GREEN LIGHT...?

BYU (FLING)
KH!
!!?
My suit's temperature's...
H...
Hot!
The suits' Coils are malfunctioning too!
ZUBO (POP)
Roger!
DUSHU (DSSH)
NOW!!
ALL UNITS, ABANDON YOUR SUITS AND FALL BACK!!
MERA (CRACKLE)
MERA
HAA!
...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE.....?
DOCTOR ...

MERA (CRACKLE)
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MERA
メラ
MERA
メラ
...THE BEGINNING...
THIS IS...

SOON, THE WORLD...

...WILL BE ENGULFED IN DARKNESS.

.....

IS THERE SOME KIND OF SHOW?

IT'S SO PRETTY!

GAYA

GAYA (CHATTER)

WHAT'S THAT LIGHT?

!

BUCHI (SNAP)

BUCHI

GAKU (WRITHE)

GAKU

AAANGH...

WHAT'S GOING ON ?

YOWCH!

MY PHONE ...

PORO (DROP)

KASHA (CRACK)

KIIYUN (KREEEN)
キーン
BEGO (CRACK)
ベゴ
FUWA (FLOAT)
フワ
!!!?
N...
NO...
I LEAVE THE FUTURE IN YOUR HANDS...
...MIRA...

GWAH!

BUO (FLING)

...!!!

BO (WHOOM)

BAR!

BAR!

BAR! (CRACK)

THAT WAS NO ORDINARY EXPLOSION ...

BYUUUUU (FWOOO)

KH...

SO THAT'S WHAT THE D.A.B. MOOKS WERE AFTER.

...LOOKS LIKE THEY SCREWED THE POOCH.

IT'S ALL OVER JUST LIKE THAT.

A ROBOT THAT SHUTS DOWN THE SECOND ITS COIL BURNS OUT.

...YUP. JUST A ROBOT.

BIG OR SMALL, WORKING OR TOAST, ILLEGAL COILS ARE STILL ILLEGAL COILS...

I'M HAPPY AS LONG AS I CAN TURN IN THESE LITTLE BUGGERS.

CHA CCLINK

...WELP, NO SKIN OFF MY BACK.

.....

ADIOS, ROBOT.

THESE SHOULD STILL NET US...

...A LITTLE MONEY.

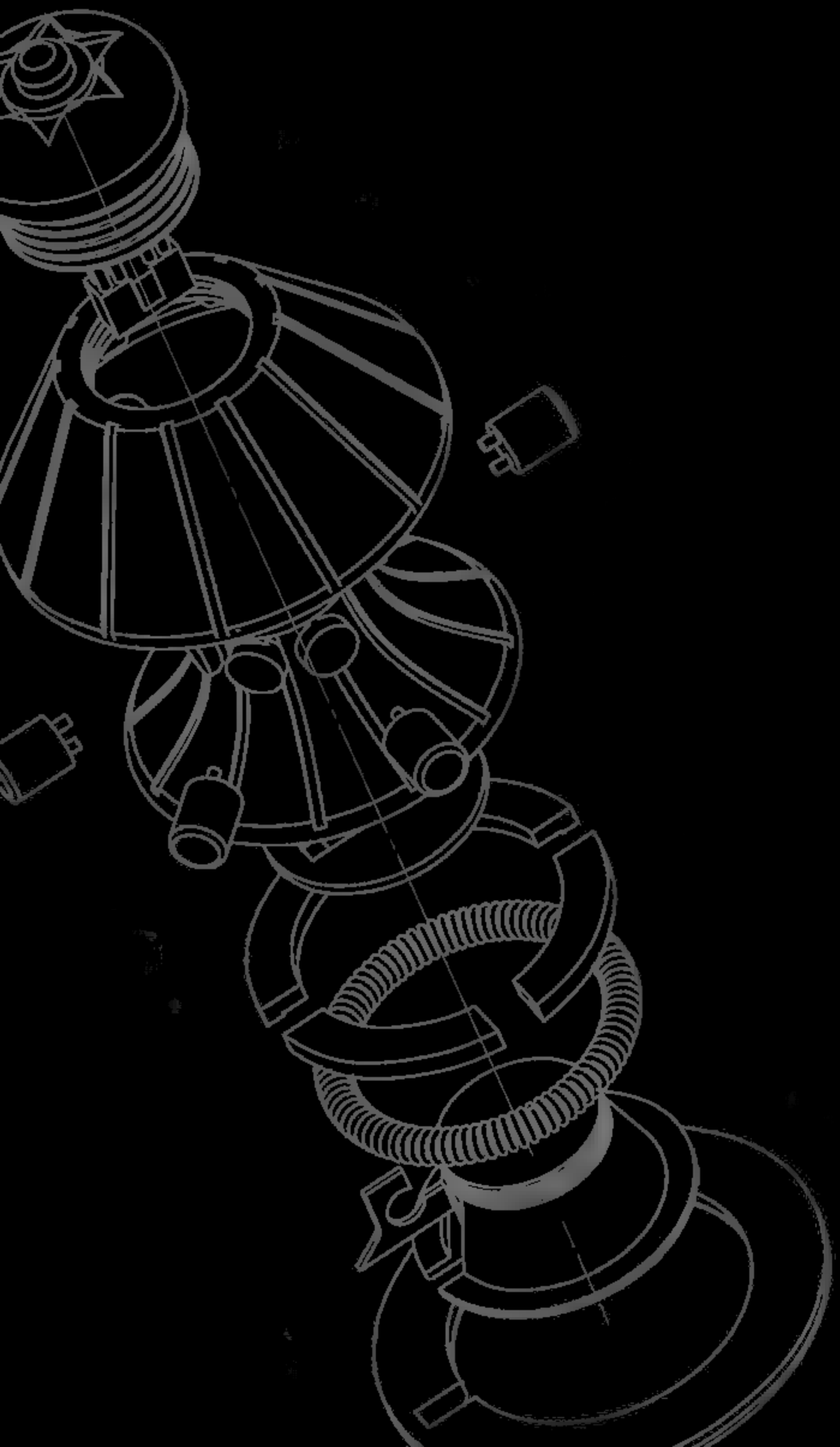
...LETTING D.A.B. MAKE OFF WITH IT WOULD JUST RUB ME THE WRONG WAY.

...THEN AGAIN...

...THIS THING HAS TO BE WORTH SOMETHING.

ZUSHI (WHUMP)

WE'LL JUST SAY IT'S MY SPOILS OF WAR.



FILE.04
SKY AREA

CENTRAL 47
(SPECIAL SELF-GOVERNING DISTRICT)

NEW TESLA ENERGY TOWER 47

SKY AREA

CHI (CHIRP)

CHI

DR. YURIZAKI PASSED AWAY?

PATATA (FLAP)

IIOAA

IS THAT SO?

THAT IS UNFORTUNATE NEWS.

HAS HIS BODY BEEN RECOVERED?

NEW TESLA ENERGY
CENTRAL 47 C.O.O. (CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER)
CLAIRE SKYHART

NOR WAS ANYTHING FROM THE SPACE SURROUNDING HIM.

WE SCANNED ALL OF THE RUBBLE FROM THE EXPLOSION, BUT HIS REMAINS WERE NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.

NO.

...THE ATMO-SPHERE SEEMED TO COM-PRESS INWARD.

PI (BLIP)

JUST BEFORE THE EXPLO-SION...

THAT IS MY CONCLUSION, YES.

YOU'RE SAYING IT ALL VANISHED WITHOUT A TRACE ?

I'VE NEVER SEEN A COIL LIKE THAT, EVEN IN THEORETICAL DOCUMENTS.

YES, MA'AM.

THE "DUAL-RING COIL" YOU MENTIONED?

THE COIL DR. YURIZAKI HELD UP...

...MAY HAVE CREATED SOMETHING LIKE A MINIATURE BLACK HOLE.

...THE QUESTION, THEN, IS WHY HE SACRIFICED HIS LIFE.

WE HAVE YET TO UNCOVER ANY CLUES REGARDING HIS GOALS.

...INCLUDING THE COIL POWERING DR. YURIZAKI'S ARTIFICIAL HEART.

AT THE SAME TIME HE ACTIVATED IT, ALL OF THE COILS WITHIN A RADIUS OF APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOMETERS OVERHEATED AND WERE DESTROYED...

IF HE KNEW IT WOULD KILL HIM...

HE MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNING TO USE THAT COIL TO EXACT HIS REVENGE...

NEW TESLA STOLE BOTH HIS FAMILY AND THE WORLD SYSTEM...

.....DR. YURIZAKI LOATHED US.

...I'D HOPED WE COULD DISPEL HIS MISUNDERSTANDING AND "BURY THE HATCHET," AS IT WERE.

PERSONALLY...

THAT SUCH A THING IS POSSIBLE IS THREAT ENOUGH IN ITSELF.

A METHOD TO DESTROY COILS WITHOUT EVER TOUCHING THEM...

I'LL REPORT THIS TO THE COUNCIL MYSELF.

GOOD WORK.

UNDER-STOOD.

CONTINUE YOUR INVES-TIGATION.

.....WELL, WHAT'S DONE IS DONE.

HYUN CVWOOND

(PI BEEP)

CALL OVER.

...MY DEARS.

THERE, THERE...

DON'T WORRY YOUR LITTLE HEADS.

IT IS MY JOB TO KEEP ALL OF THIS IN ORDER...

...SO THAT YOU CAN KEEP FLYING FOR ANOTHER DAY...

...NO MATTER WHAT SACRIFICES MUST BE MADE.

Luckily, D.A.B. noticed the abnormal activity and promptly evacuated the area, preventing any deaths.

The accident was caused by illegal dumping of flammables in an abandoned chemical factory.

New Tesla Energy has released a statement regarding the explosion at dawn last night.

On to our next news item...

The pillar of light sighted in the moments before the explosion is also believed to be of chemical origin.

D.A.B. is continuing to investigate.

.....WONDER-FUL.

YOU DRAGGED TROUBLE HOME WITH YOU, HMM, KYOUMA?

IT'S MY SPOILS OF WAR.

DON'T KNOW WHOSE IT IS, JUST THAT IT ALMOST KILLED ME.

TAKING IT WAS MY GOD-GIVEN RIGHT.

OH, SPARE ME YOUR JUSTIFICA-TIONS.

EITHER WAY, IF I'D LEFT IT THERE, D.A.B. WOULD HAVE SNATCHED IT RIGHT UP.

EH. CLOSE ENOUGH.

KASHA (SCUTTLE)

カミシャ

KASHA

カミシャ

LISTEN, BOY. WE AREN'T THIEVES.

WE'RE COLLEC-TORS.

KASHA カミシャ

KASHA カミシャ

.....YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE.

KASHA カミシャ

PI PI

PIDI (BEEP) PI

HECK, YOU SHOULD BE THANKING ME.

HAVE YOU FOUND ANY-THING OUT, CRICKET?

I SHOULD HOPE NOT.

IF ITS OWNER SHOWS UP LOOKING FOR IT, THEY'RE NOT GETTING IT BACK FOR FREE.

.....

BUT...

...IT DID INTERFERE WITH MY WORK.

WHAT ABOUT, YOU ASK?

KAPA (LIFT) ナリ

GOTTA SAY, MARY, I'M SHOCKED.

WHY, I'M PERPLEXED BY HOW, IN THE VERY SAME ROOM AS A GENIUS LIKE ME, THERE'S A PINHEAD DUMB ENOUGH TO FIGURE THIS ROBOT COULD BELONG TO JUST ANY OLD COLLECTOR.

YOU GOT A DEATH WISH, CRICKET?

YEAH, YOU, KYOUMA MABUCHI.

YOU'RE THE PIN-HEAD.

KAN (CLANG) カーン

HUP!

TA (FLIP) タ

DETAILS, CRICKET.

YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR IS ALL RIGHT.

I APPROVE.

NYEH HEH.

IS THAT A THREAT?

YOU'D NEED ENOUGH MONEY TO PUT A SATELLITE IN SPACE, IF NOT MORE.

KATA CCLICKO カタカタ KATA

FIRST OF ALL, ANYBODY IN A LINE OF WORK AS STINGY AS COLLECTING COULD NEVER AFFORD SOMETHIN' THIS HIGH QUALITY, AND THEY WOULDN'T HAVE THE KNOW-HOW TO MAKE ONE NEITHER.

ONE MAIN COIL CONTROLS ALL OF THE ACTUATORS IN ITS LOCAL WIRELESS ENERGY NETWORK.

ARTIFICIAL SKIN ON TOP OF A LAYER OF MICROCELL SILICONE FOAM AND HIGH POLYMER ARTIFICIAL MUSCLE TISSUE, PLUS SELF-REPAIR NANOMACHINES IN THE SKELETAL STRUCTURE.

...

ITS BASIC BODY STRUCTURE IS THE SAME AS FOUR OVER THERE—

IT'S PAINS-TAKINGLY COM-PLETE.

BUT NOT WITH THIS ONE.

AND THERE ARE ALWAYS SIGNS OF FEATURES BEING CONDENSED, COMPROMISES BEING MADE SOMEWHERE.

THIS TYPE OF ROBOT—THE ONES THAT ARE TRULY MAINTENANCE-FREE—THEY'RE ALL COPIES OF AN ORIGINAL CUSTOM MODEL.

THE WORLD'S NUMBER ONE ENGINEER EXTRAOR-DINAIRE—

SO, AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE'S ONLY ONE PER-SON WHO COULD HAVE MADE THIS ROBOT—THE SAME PERSON WHO MADE THE ORIGINAL.

SO WHAT?

DR. SEIRA YURIZAKI...

...THE ONE AND ONLY.

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, RIGHT?

THAT SHE'S HALF THE REASON WHY HER HUSBAND, DR. SHIDOU YURIZAKI, THE GREATEST PHYSICIST OF OUR TIME, SUCCEEDED IN INVENTING COILS?

IF THAT'S TRUE, THIS IS BIG— VERY BIG.

YUP.

WHO'DA THUNK I'D RUN INTO NEW WORK OF HERS LIKE THIS?

I THOUGHT I'D LAID MY EYES ON ALL OF HER RESEARCH FROM BEFORE THEN.

THE WHOLE FAMILY DISAPPEARED TWO YEARS AGO.

ARE YOU SERIOUS, CRICKET !?

THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF THE FAMILY OF GENIUSES THAT BUILT THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT.

WE'RE ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE TRUTH BEHIND IT...

KACHI (PRESS)

...WITH ONE CLICK.

...WHO WAS CONTROL-LING IT?

IF THIS THING WAS MADE BY DR. SEIRA...

DID I SAY YOU COULD TURN IT ON!?

NYEH HEH

DAMN IT, CRICKET!

IT COULDN'T BE...

DR. SHIDOU YURIZAKI !?

KYUUN (VWHRR)

キューン

COME TO THINK OF IT, IT KEPT SAYING SOMETHIN' ABOUT A "FATHER"...

WAIT A SEC.

IT'S TOTALLY LEGAL. AS LONG EVERYTHING'S ON THE UP-AND-UP, NO PRIVATE DATA WILL BE SENT TO NTE... THEM'S THE RULES, RIGHT?

NO BIGGIE.

ONCE IT TURNS ON, WE CAN'T STOP ITS DATA FROM BEING TRANSMITTED TO NEW TESLA!

IT'S POWERED BY A LEGAL COIL!

ARE THE PILLAR OF LIGHT AND THE EXPLOSION CONNECTED TO IT TOO?

MUKU (RISE)

ムク "!

THAT'S WHY D.A.B. WAS THERE IN FULL FORCE...

THE MISSING DR. SHIDOU WAS IN SHADOW TOWN.

PIKU (TWITCH)

ピク "!

KYU (JERK)

キュ "!

.....

KASHA (CLICK)

カシャ

"!!

HMM?

EEEEK!

HUH?

IT'S MOVING. YOU SURE WE SHOULDN'T TURN IT OFF?

HEY, CRICKET.

YOU LITTLE ...

WHERE ARE MY CLOTHES !?

PAAN (SLAP)

UP

GAH!

AH ...

WHY IS THIS THING WORRIED ABOUT BEING DECENT!? IT'S A DUMB ROBOT!

ROBOTS DON'T SAY "HUH"!

KYORO キョロ

HUH? WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE THAT MAN.....

KYORO キョロ (GLANCE)

.....YOU WEREN'T KIDDING WHEN YOU SAID IT WAS HIGH QUALITY.

HAAH !?

I'M STILL A GIRL, YOU KNOW!

SHE SOUNDS TOTALLY HUMAN.

WOW.

HEY, CRICKET!

IT HURTS MY FEELINGS, BEING TREATED LIKE AN OBJECT.

R... ROBOT THIS, ROBOT THAT— PLEASE STOP SAYING THAT!

TURN IT O—

WHO CAN SAY? *NYEH HEH.*

YOU DON'T KNOW?

THE ORIGINAL MODEL DR. SEIRA LEFT BEFORE SHE DISAP-PEARED...

ITS HEAD WAS NEVER FINISHED.

JUST WHAT IS GOING ON HERE, CRICKET?

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO BE KYOUMA TO SUSPECT THERE'S A HUMAN IN THERE.

...SO THIS'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN IT IN A COMPLETED FORM.

IT'S INCREDI-BLE.

SO INCREDIBLE THAT I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START ANALYZING IT.

INCI-DENTALLY, I'M STILL MONITORING IT AS WE SPEAK.

THE PROTOCOLS ARE SO COMPLEX AND ORGANIC THAT I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL WHAT'S WHAT.

PA (FLICKER)

KATA (TAK) KATA

カタカタ

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE SOMETHING LIKE THIS?

LOOKS LIKE ITS "BRAIN" IS MADE OF CLUSTERS OF NANOMACHINES...

DON'T EVEN THINK OF IT, PLEASE! THAT WOULD KILL ME!

HEH, YOU WANT TO TAKE APART THIS HUNK OF JUNK? GO FOR IT.

HEY, I WISH I COULD...

...BUT I COULDN'T PUT IT 100% BACK TO HOW IT WAS.

TAKE ME APART !?

WE CAN JUST TAKE IT APART AND SEE FOR OUR-SELVES, CAN'T WE?

...WE DON'T NEED TO TAKE HER APART. THERE'S AN EASIER WAY TO GET ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS.

...ACTU-ALLY...

WHY CAN'T I SAY THAT?

I DON'T SEE WHAT THE PROBLEM IS.

DON'T USE THAT WORD.

YOU CAN ONLY "KILL" THINGS THAT ARE ALIVE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

OH, RIGHT.

PERFECT CHANCE TO UPGRADE FOUR TOO.

I'D KILL TO MEET THEM.

...AND DR. SHIDOU, WHO I'M WILLING TO BET DE-SIGNED THE ENERGY DIS-TRIBUTION SYSTEM.

DR. SEIRA ...

ALL WE GOTTA DO IS TALK TO HER CREATORS.

PORO (PLIP)

?

PLEASE!

...LET ME HELP YOU WITH YOUR WORK!

BA (BOW)

SO PLEASE ...

I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU ASK!

...IF HE DIED, I SHOULD FOLLOW THE ILLEGAL COILS...

MY FATHER TOLD ME THAT...

PLEASE!

NYEH HEH

LET'S AT LEAST HEAR WHY.

MUST BE BROKEN.

A ROBOT?

IS IT SAYING IT WANTS TO BE A COLLECTOR?

WHEN DID HE DIE?

YOUR "FATHER" IS DR. SHIDOU YURIZAKI, RIGHT?

NOW, HOLD ON.

SO PLEASE...

"YOU WILL FIND A PATH TO SURVIVE THERE," HE SAID.

NEW TESLA'S STATEMENT SAID THAT NOBODY DIED.

DR. SHIDOU WAS IN THAT EX-PLOSION !?

...IF I EVER SAW THAT LIGHT, IT WOULD MEAN HE WAS NO LONGER IN THIS WORLD.

...HE TOLD ME THAT...

THAT LIGHT CAME FROM A SPECIAL COIL MY FATHER MADE.

DO YOU REMEMBER SEEING A PILLAR OF LIGHT?

...AND HE KNEW HE WAS GOING TO DIE?

YES...

...SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT DR. SHIDOU WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT LIGHT...

FATHER SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WERE AFTER HIS LIFE.

THEY MUST HAVE NEEDED TO HIDE IT.

NTE CAN'T BE COMPLETELY UNINVOLVED IN THE YURIZAKIS' DISAPPEARANCE, AFTER ALL.

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT I WOULD HAVE REMEMBERED DIFFERENT INSTRUCTIONS IF I'D WOKEN UP SOMEWHERE ELSE.....

BEFORE RESETTING, I DIDN'T KNOW HE'D EVER TOLD ME TO "FOLLOW THE COILS."

...I THINK THAT ME TEMPORARILY SHUTTING DOWN WAS CALCULATED INTO HIS PLAN TOO...

WELL, AIN'T THAT TYPICAL OF A ROBOT?

I CAN'T REMEMBER.

MAYBE I FORGOT IT ALL WHEN I WOKE UP.

MAYBE FATHER NEVER TOLD ME WHAT HIS GOAL WAS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

... THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO KNOW FOR SURE NOW.

DOES THAT MEAN TO FIND WHOEVER'S MAKING THEM, THEN?

...THAT SAID... "FOLLOW THE ILLEGAL COILS"?

TO SAY THAT'S DIFFICULT WOULD BE A GROSS UNDER-STATEMENT.

WELL, DON'T ASK ME!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT IT HERE!

WHAT DO WE DO WITH IT, MARY?

IT'S BECAUSE THEY CAN'T FIND THEM THAT COLLECTORS EXIST AT ALL.

MY POINT EXACTLY.

NYEH HEH.

IF THEY WERE SO EASY TO FIND, NEW TESLA WOULDA FOUND AND CRUSHED THEM AGES AGO.

...BY HELPING YOU COLLECT ILLE-GAL COILS!

...THAT'S WHY I NEED TO LEARN WHAT I CAN...

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING...

NO.

RING ANY BELLS?

I COULD UNDER-STAND IF DR. SHIDOU KNEW SOMETHING AND WAS SENDING YOU AFTER THEM USING THAT...

WHAT HAPPENED TO DR. SHIDOU'S REAL FAMILY?

WHETHER WE BELIEVE YOU OR NOT...

...YOUR STORY'S MISSING ONE CRUCIAL DETAIL.

HOLD YER HORSES.

PLEASE, I BEG YOU!

.....THEY WERE BOTH...

.....

A REAL ONE.

WHERE ARE DR. SEIRA AND... THEIR DAUGHTER?

HE HAD A DAUGHTER, RIGHT?

...ON THE DAY I WAS BORN, TWO YEARS AGO...

!!?

...MURDERED...

NYEH HEH!

...NO WAY.

YOU CAN'T BE SE-RIOUS!

I... I HAVE VIDEO PROOF.

...AT THE HANDS OF THE NEW TESLA D.A.B.

WAIT !!

W...

I'LL PLAY IT BACK.

MY VERY FIRST LOG.....

!!

(GLICKER)

Okay, then... Mira!

She's your little sister.

That's up to you, dear.

Mom! Mom, what's her name?

Her name's Mira.

IS THAT DR. SEIRA AND HER DAUGHTER ?

IT WENT AND INTERFACED WITH THE ROOM'S SYSTEMS.

Who's there !?

I'm sure your father will love it.

Mira, from "mirai," the word for "future."

That's a good name.

TURN IT OFF!

は？ HA (GASP)

.....

Mom!

NYEH HEH!

OHH MAN. THIS IS KILLER.

Stop!

Ahh!

Mira, stay here and don't come out!

What right do you have to enter our home?

TSK. YOU'VE SOME NERVE, SHOWING US THIS.

NEW TESLA ENERGY IS THE BIGGEST ENTER-PRISE IN THE WORLD. THEY'RE MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY GOVERN-MENT.

IF THEY FOUND OUT WE'VE SEEN THIS, THEY WOULD MOST DEFI-NITELY HAVE US BUMPED OFF.

CRICK-ET...

...I WANT THESE LOGS DELETED YESTER-DAY.

WE NEVER SAW THIS, UNDER-STOOD?

DIDN'T SEE WHAT?

YOU DO THE SAME.

Y...YES, MA'AM.

THE LAST MEMBER OF THE YURIZAKI FAMILY...

WE CERTAINLY CAN'T JUST GET RID OF YOU.

...SO...

ALL RIGHT. WE'LL PUT YOU TO WORK.

...BUT KYOUMA WILL BE KEEPING AN EYE ON YOU.

WH ...?

ME !?

SERVICE

KEEP ON SMILING BRIGHTLY, BRIGHTLY!

MAKE THOSE WINDOWS SHINY, SHINY! ♪

KYU (SQUEAK)

キュッ

MAY I WIPE OFF EVERY SPECK?

ARE YOU DIRTY? SHALL I CHECK? ♪

KYU

キュッ

'COS IT'S BEST WHEN THINGS ARE NICE AND TIDY! ♪

ALL CLEAN!

WHEW.

"WHEW"? SERIOUSLY?

AWAH!

YA DONE YET?

THE CLEAN-ING.

SO WHAT IF I ACT A LITTLE HUMAN?

'COS ROBOTS FAKING SIGHS DON'T SIT WELL WITH ME.

WHA— WHY DID YOU KICK ME!?

BATTERY

YES, I FINISHED CLEANING.

EVERY-WHERE.

.....

HMM, MR. KYOUMA?

I THINK YOU'LL BE PERFECTLY SATISFIED.

WHERE ARE THE TOOLS I HAD ORGANIZED HERE?

BAN (BAM)

BAN

HEY.

.....YES?

GARA (CLACK)

YOU SEE?

.. WHERE THEY BELONG.

IT WAS A MESS, SO I PUT THEM AWAY IN YOUR TOOL CABINET...

"ORGA-NIZED"?

.....AND ALSO, PLEASE STOP CALLING ME A ROBOT!

I DON'T FORGET A THING, YOU KNOW!

YOU SAID NOT TO TOUCH YOUR ***CARS***. YOU NEVER MENTIONED THE CAR ***THINGS***!

FOR A ROBOT, YOU'RE NOT VERY GOOD AT FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS, ARE YOU?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO GO TOUCHING MY CAR THINGS!

...I HAVE A NAME. MY SISTER GAVE IT TO ME, AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME.

I'M MIRA.

MIRA YURIZAKI.

OOH, HE'S SO AWFUL.

YOU DON'T FORGET A THING, REMEMBER?

WHATEVER. JUST PUT THEM BACK EVERY LAST TOOL IN THE GARAGE. HOW YOU FOUND THEM.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, YOU CAN STAY OUTSIDE.

THIS IS THE LEAST YOU COULD DO.

'COS I'M GIVING YOU A PLACE TO STAY.

SFX: BUTSU (MUTTER) BUTSU

GARARA (ROLL)

...HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THIS NONSENSE?

.....WHY DO I...

GACHA (KACHAK)

.....

AND DON'T EVER GIVE YOUR LAST NAME AS YURIZAKI AGAIN.

WILL THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY?

...I'LL DO IT.

GOOD GRIEF.

THEN YOU'D BETTER TAKE MY NONSENSE SERIOUSLY.

MY SELF-MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS AREN'T ALL-POWERFUL, YOU KNOW!

MY BODY MIGHT HOLD UP OKAY BEING OUTSIDE ALL THE TIME, BUT MY HAIR AND CLOTHES WOULD GET ALL MESSY.

SFX: KATA (CLATTER)

ゴロ～ GORON (SLIDE)

HRUMPH.

PUN (POUT)

PUN

ギシ GISHI (CREAK)

ギシ

THAT'S WHAT DR. YURIZAKI ORDERED HER TO DO, EVEN IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY.

IF WE DON'T HIRE HER, SHE'LL CHASE AFTER THE ILLEGAL COILS ON HER OWN.

SINCE WE'RE NOW WITNESSES TO THE TRUTH, IT WOULD BE SMARTEST FOR US TO KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HER.

IT'S THE LEAST YOU COULD DO...

...CONSID-ERING YOU BROUGHT HER HERE.

WHY ME!?

THIS AIN'T FUNNY!

—FOURTEEN HOURS EARLIER

ME!?

YES, YOU. YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK AFTER HER.

I'LL PASS.

NOW, THAT'S JUST PRICELESS— COIL-HATER KYOUMA, STUCK WITH AN ANDROID!

NYEH HEH!

UNDERSTOOD, KYOUMA?

I DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THING ABOUT BEING A COL-LECTOR, BUT I.....

I'LL DO MY BEST! FOR FATHER TOO!

GO GO GO GO GO GO (RUMBLE)

QUIT YOUR WHINING AND DO IT.

THIS IS AN ORDER.

NYEH HEH.

I CAN BARELY STOMACH USING MY PHONE, AND THAT I ACTUALLY NEED.

I DON'T GIVE A DAMN WHAT YOU CAN STOMACH.

HRNM?

DAMN WITCH.

YOU OWE ME BIG TIME.

DON'T FORGET, KYOUMA...

CAN HE REALLY BE THAT GOOD OF A COL-LECTOR?

NOT TO MENTION HIS HOME WAS A HOPELESS MESS BEFORE I STARTED CLEANING ...

AND HE EVEN HAS AN OLD-FASHIONED GENERATOR TO POWER IT ALL...

ALMOST ALL OF HIS APPLIANCES ARE A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OLD.

.....THEY SAID HE HATES COILS...

.....
ALTHOUGH, IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S DONE SOME WORK ON IT.

.....AND THIS CAR...IT'S MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD.....

MM-HM!

...I WOULD AT LEAST APPRECIATE A BRAND-NEW, COIL-POWERED VACUUM CLEANER.

FURI (WAVE)

FURI

.....DOES IT EVEN RUN?

HEY, YOU.

PAN (SMACK)

HYAWA!

...WHAT DID I DO THIS TIME?

D...DON'T TOUCH MY T-TAIL.....

WHAT KINDA NOISE WAS THAT?

IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEARN THE COLLECTOR ABC'S.

WE'VE GOT A JOB, ROBOT.

I AM NOT RIDING IN THE TRUNK!

I'M NOT LUGGAGE! HONESTLY!

GAPA (POP)

"HIP"

GET IN.

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT KINDS OF COLLECTION JOBS.

YOU'RE NOT A REAL COLLEC-TOR UNTIL YOU'VE PULLED OFF BOTH TYPES OF JOBS.

YOU FOLLOW?

YOU'RE COMING ALONG THIS TIME SO I CAN BEAT THE CONCEPT INTO YOUR...

ONE... REQUESTS YOU GET FROM CLIENTS WITH INFORMATION. AND TWO...

... EVERY-THING ELSE.

OH WOW...!

MEANING YOU USE YOUR OWN BRAIN TO FIND AND RECOVER.

BO (PUTTER)

BO

BO

PEH.

YOU ONLY ADMIT YOU'RE A ROBOT WHEN YOU WANT TO BE A WISE GUY...

TICKS ME OFF.

DAMN IT, ARE YOU LISTEN-ING?

OH, I'M LISTENING.

I HAVEN'T MISSED A SINGLE WORD YOU SAID.

NOT TO WORRY.

BO

BO!

ROAD TRIPS ARE SO MUCH FUN!

THIS AIN'T A ROAD TRIP!

WE'RE ON THE JOB!

OH MY GOSH...!

THE CENTRAL 47 MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS!

SFX: PYON (BOUNCE) PYON

KEEP YOUR PANTS ON.

I'VE NEVER BEEN ANYWHERE WITH SO MANY PEOPLE BEFORE!

WHAT ARE YOU, A LITTLE KID?

WOW!

WOW!

I TOLD YOU, WE'RE WORKING.

WE'RE NOT HERE TO LOOK AT NO ART.

BESIDES, YOUR BODY WOULD SET OFF THE ENTRANCE SCANNERS. YOU CAN'T GO INSIDE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

WHAT!?

DON'T LOOK SO SHOCKED.

ANYONE WITH HALF A BRAIN KNOWS THAT ROBOTS ARE CONSIDERED SUSPICIOUS ITEMS.

YOU GOTTA KEEP THAT MUCH IN MIND.

SHLIN (SLUMP)

THAT'S SO NOT FAIR..

DIDN'T YOU LEARN HOW TO STAY ON THE DOWN-LOW WHEN YOU LIVED WITH DR. YURIZAKI?

YES, BUT, BUT...

...WE NEVER WENT ANYWHERE NEAR PUBLIC SPACES LIKE THIS IN THE FIRST PLACE.

.....AND, YOU KNOW, THE WHOLE TIME...

...DEEP DOWN, I WISHED I COULD GO VISIT ALL SORTS OF PLACES.

BORI (SCRATCH)

BORI

...NOT THROUGH DATA OR ANYTHING, BUT IN PERSON .....

YEESH, YOU'RE FUSSY.

...TAKE THIS AND GO CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES.

ANY-HOW...

SU (LIFT)

FOR ROBOTS, THERE'S NO DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DATA YOU RECORDED YOURSELF AND DATA OTHER PEOPLE RECORDED ANYWAY, RIGHT?

THAT'S NOT TRUE!

THE INFORMATION FROM THINGS I SEE FOR MYSELF AND DATA I CAN GET FROM ELSEWHERE IS WORLDS APART!

I WISH YOU'D GIVEN THIS TO ME BEFORE WE LEFT ...

SHADDAP.

THEY'RE FROM MARY.

SHE SAID, IF YOU'RE GONNA ACT HUMAN, YOU'VE GOTTA LOOK IT TOO.

CLOTHES ?

I'M ALL CHANGED.

GA (KICK)

STOP NIT-PICKING AND START MOVING!

EEK!

HRMPH.

GEEZ ...

WELL? HOW DO I LOOK?

COULD I PASS FOR AN ORDINARY TEENAGE GIRL?

ORDINARY SIZES FIT EVEN ROBOTS.

WELL, I'LL BE.

I WONDER IF IT'S TO FOOL ANYONE WHO DETECTS THE REAL COIL IN MY CHEST.

I THINK IT'S A DUMMY.

IS THAT THING ON YOUR CHEST A COIL?

AS LONG AS NOBODY CAN TELL WHAT YOU ARE AND YOU DON'T SLOW ME DOWN, I DON'T CARE.

DON'T START HOPING FOR MORE THAN THAT.

OR NOT CUTE?

DO I LOOK CUTE?

AH...

WAIT FOR ME!

ASK MARY, NOT ME.

MY TAIL STICKS OUT... IS THAT OKAY?

UM!

PROB'LY.

I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS IF IT'S NOT A COIL.

LOOK AT THE SECURITY.

ABOUT WHAT?

.....I WAS RIGHT.

THERE ARE SO MANY!

!

KYUN (WHRR)

.....

THEY'RE THE ONES CARRYING WEAPONS .....

THERE ARE MORE MIXED IN WITH THE CROWD TOO.

YOU MEAN THE TWO GUARDS OVER THERE?

RIGHT. R...

THEY'LL GET SUSPICIOUS.

DON'T STARE FOR TOO LONG.

ABOUT... WHAT?

MEANS THEY'RE THAT SERIOUS.

THEY'RE SECURITY DROIDS.

...THERE WERE ALSO ANDROIDS, LIKE ME!

ON PAPER, IN THIS DAY AND AGE?

A MAG-AZINE?

BASA (CRINKLE)

READ THIS.

LOSER is Coming!

"'LOSER' APPEARS?"

LOSER APPEARS?

LAST WEEKEND, A HOMELESS MAN LIVING IN THE DISTRICT 12 PARK FOUND A "LOSER" CALLING CARD AND PUT IT UP FOR AUCTION. WHILE ITS AUTHENTICITY IS NOT CERTAIN, THE BIDS CONTINUE TO COME IN

"LOSER" IS THE ALIAS OF AN ART THIEF.

ALWAYS LEAVES A CARD LIKE THAT ONE BEFORE SHOWING UP.

"LOSER"?

"WHILE ITS AUTHENTICITY IS NOT CERTAIN, THE BIDS CONTINUE TO COME IN."

"LAST WEEKEND, A HOMELESS MAN LIVING IN THE DISTRICT 12 PARK FOUND A 'LOSER' CALLING CARD AND PUT IT UP FOR AUCTION.

...AND BROADCASTS LIVE FOOTAGE OF THE ROBBERY. HE'S ONE FLASHY SON OF A BITCH.

...AN-NOUNCES HIS TARGET...

EVERY TIME HE'S ON THE PROWL, HE SETS UP A LARGE-SCALE COMMUNI-CATIONS HIJACKING ...

THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM "LOSER."

FOR ALL THE GLITZ AND GLAMOR OF HIS PER-FORMANCES, HE'S NEVER SUCCESS-FULLY PULLED OFF A HEIST, NOT EVEN ONCE.

FOR THE HUNDREDTH TIME, PLEASE DON'T TALK ABOUT ME LIKE I'M AN OBJECT!

HUH

YOU KNOW THAT?

YOU ARE WAY TOO CLUELESS FOR A ROBOT.

THERE ARE SOME STRANGE PEOPLE OUT IN THE WORLD!

THE GUY'S AS ELUSIVE AS THEY COME.

WHEN IT COMES TO HIS ENTRANCES AND EXITS, AT LEAST, HE'S A MASTER CRIMINAL.

...HE'S ALSO NEVER BEEN CAUGHT, NOT EVEN ONCE.

...AND...

"...SOME THEORIZE THAT HIS VERY EXISTENCE COULD BE PART OF A PR PLAN ON THE MUSEUMS' PART OR FOR THE SECURITY FIRM ITSELF.

"BECAUSE 'LOSER,' EVER A FAVORITE OF THE PUBLIC, CONSISTENTLY CHALLENGES MUSEUMS WITH STRONG SECURITY AND CONSISTENTLY FAILS IN HIS ATTEMPTS, YET HAS STILL NOT BEEN CAUGHT...

LOSER COMICS

OH!

THEY TALK ABOUT THAT IN THE ARTICLE.

"...THE *ANGELS OF BLACK AND WHITE WINGS* STATUE.

"IT'S ALWAYS A HEATED DEBATE, BUT THE MOST PLAUSIBLE ANSWER IS A PIECE SET TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SIXTEEN YEARS...

"HIS NEXT TARGET?

SEEING HOW MUCH HE LIKES THE SPOTLIGHT, I'M PUTTING MY BETS ON HIM SHOWING TONIGHT.

TONIGHT, THERE'S A SHOWING FOR THE PRESS ONLY.

THE STATUE GOES ON DISPLAY FOR THE PUBLIC TOMORROW.

"WE'RE EXPECTING TO BE GREATLY ENTERTAINED BY HIS DEATH-DEFYING PERFORMANCE."

IF THE CARD'S REAL.

DO YOU THINK HE'LL REALLY APPEAR ...?

ARE YOU DUMB?

WITH THE COPS?

.....UM...

ARE WE GOING TO WORK WITH THE POLICE TO CATCH HIM, THEN?

IT SOUNDS TO ME LIKE HE'S A NUISANCE BUT NOT SUCH A DANGEROUS PERSON.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, WE'RE OUT TO COLLECT ILLEGAL COILS.

WE'RE COLLECTORS.

WHEN THE LAW'S BEING BROKEN, YOU CAN BET THERE'LL BE AN ILLEGAL COIL TO FIND.

... MODIFIED COILS ARE UNLAWFUL EQUIPMENT ... USED FOR UNLAWFUL ACTIVITY.

I DON'T GIVE A CRAP IF HE'S GOOD OR BAD...

...OR WHETHER HE GETS HIMSELF CAUGHT.

THAT'S CLEARLY ILLEGAL.

LOSER'S BIG COMMU-NICATIONS HIJACKING...

GOT IT!

G...

SIMPLE AS THAT.

WE'RE GOING TO FIND THE DEVICE HE USES TO PULL IT OFF AND TAKE THE ILLEGAL COIL THAT POWERS IT.

OKAY!

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT WE WON'T BE THE ONLY ONES MAKING A MOVE.

DON'T SCREW UP.

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GONNA PUT OUR BRAINS TO WORK FOR.

...SO...

...HOW DO WE FIND THIS DEVICE OF HIS?

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(HWOO)

GULP!

.....

YEA-AAH!

WE'RE RICH! RICH!

YAHOO!

PIRORIN (DING)

Congratulations. Your item has been auctioned for 2.5 million yen.

SOOOB!

NOOOO!

WHYYY!?

!?

Your remaining balance is three hundred yen.

Collecting unpaid utility fees...

PORON (PLUNK)

Now depositing the money to your personal bank account as authenticated by your biometrics...

FILE.06

THE *ANGELS OF BLACK AND WHITE WINGS* STATUE

Wings

Opening to the public tomorrow!

The Ernest Aurenche Collection

Angels of Black and White Wings

Opening to the public tomorrow!

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THOSE WITH A PRESS PASS, PLEASE LINE UP HERE.

ONE UNREGISTERED MAN REMOVED.

FRONT GATE HERE.

NOTHING ELSE TO REPORT.

GO ON THROUGH.

PI (BEEP)

SFX: BU (BZZ) BU

ONLY THOSE WHOSE BIOMETRIC I.D.s WERE REGISTERED IN ADVANCE ARE PERMITTED TO ENTER. THIS WAY, PLEASE.

I...

I'M HERE FOR SOMEONE ELSE!

EXHIBITION ROOM HERE.

THE HEAT AND MOVEMENT SENSORS AREN'T PICKING UP ANYONE UNREGISTERED.

ALL CLEAR.

ZAWA

ZAWA (CHATTER)

KEEP YOUR GUARDS UP.

SECURITY ROOM HERE. I READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR.

WEAPONS PERMISSIONS UNLOCKED.

... PROCEED TO PHASE THREE.

SECURITY DROIDS ...

BATATATA (WHIP)

LOSER ...

THE CENTRAL 47 POLICE ARE STATIONED OUTSIDE OF THE MUSEUM GROUNDS IN ADDITION TO OUR SECURITY. THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, DIRECTOR.

BUT IF HE STEALS ANYTHING, OUR LUCK WILL BE OUT.

HIS TARGETING US HAS MADE FOR GOOD PR...IN FACT, ONE COULD SAY WE GOT LUCKY.

ZANA
ZANA (CLAMOR)
ZORO (CROWD)
ZORO
ZORO

LOSER!
LOSER!
LOSER!

With the rumor gone viral, a massive crowd eagerly awaits the mysterious Loser's appearance.

Look at the energy down there!

Throngs of people are surging around the museum.

BA (WHLIP)
TA TA TA

WAAH!
WHOOO!

I HATE CARNIVALS.

LIKE A CARNIVAL.

IT'S INCREDIBLE HOW CROWDED IT'S GOTTEN HERE!

AS PLANNED ?

THE CALLING CARD, THE ANNOUNCEMENT, THE SHOWY PERFOR-MANCES— IT'S ALL TO GET PEOPLE TO SHOW UP.

WHY ELSE WOULD HE DO IT?

A THICK CROWD OF PEOPLE AROUND THE ENTIRE MUSEUM ...

PROBABLY EXACTLY AS PLANNED.

THE SAME THING HAPPENED IN PARIS THE FIRST TIME HE APPEARED.

HE WAS COMPLETELY UNKNOWN THEN.

WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO ANNOUNCE HIS TARGET FROM ABOVE THE ARC DE TRIOMPHE. NICE AND LOUD, TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE CROWDS.

THEN HE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE LOUVRE, THREE KILOMETERS AWAY.

NATURALLY, A BUNCH OF RUBBERNECKS WERE ALREADY WAITING FOR HIM AT THE MUSEUM...

...AND THE POLICE TOO, OF COURSE.

YET HE STILL MANAGED TO GET INSIDE THE LOUVRE AND MAKE IT ALL THE WAY TO HIS TARGET.

BUT JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO NAB IT...

...A SECURITY GUARD SHOT HIM IN THE HEAD, AND HE VANISHED...

ALL THEY COULD FIND OF HIM WAS HIS CALLING CARD...

AND EVER SINCE, HE'S USED THE SAME KIND OF CARD TO MAKE HIS WARNINGS.

...AND THEN HATCHES HIS PLAN.

WHATEVER THE CASE, HE ALWAYS DRAWS A CROWD...

THESE DAYS, GUNS ARE ELECTRIC. MAKES THEM MORE EFFECTIVE AGAINST ROBOTS BUT ALSO LESS LETHAL.

NOT TO MENTION, HE MIGHT NOT BE JUST YOUR AVERAGE HUMAN.

I THOUGHT THAT BEING SHOT IN THE HEAD WOULD KILL A PERSON.

OR TO HIDE SOMETHING?

...BUT I'M BETTING IT'S GROUNDWORK FOR HIS EXIT PLAN, OR...

THERE'S A POSSIBILITY HE JUST LIKES THE ATTENTION ...

IT MUST BE AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY FOR HIS MO.

GON (CLONK)

!

B...

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GET TANGLED UP WITH ANYONE ...

.....SAY, WHY ARE YOU HOLDING ON TO YOUR TAIL?

EXACTLY.

TO HIDE SOMETHING.

HEY, YOU!

YOU HIT MY ARM WITH SOME-THING!

I... I'M SO SORRY!

WHAT WAS THAT METALLIC SOUND?

YOUR HAT!?

ARE YOU HIDING SOME-THING IN THAT HAT!?

UM.....I WOULDN'T SAY I'M HIDING ANYTHING .....

PON

PON (PAT)

LET ME TELL YOU HOW MUCH THIS ARM...

TALK-ING BACK ?

YOU WANNA GET HURT? HUH!?

GOK! (CRACK)

ゴキ"!

GWAH!

HAA?

BARA (CRUMBLE)

YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHIN' ABOUT THIS TOY?

DROP IT.

DON'T YOU THINK THAT WAS A BIT MUCH?

WE'RE WASTING TIME HERE.

AAARGH!

GAAAH!

HE...HE BROKE MY ELBOW!

MR. KYOUMA!

...HEY!

...AND HARMFUL HUMANS WHO ARE OUT TO GET YOU.

COMPLETELY HARMLESS HUMANS...

THOSE SENSORS OF YOURS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE, BUT A CROWD CAN BE SPLIT UP INTO TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE.

LISTEN, ROBOT.

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN FOR EVEN A SECOND.

O... OKAY.

BUT THERE ARE MORE DANGEROUS PEOPLE IN HERE.

...THAT PUNK BACK THERE... HE HAPPENED TO BE FULL OF HOT AIR.

YOU'RE ABSOLUTE-LY RIGHT!

DON'T LOOK AT ME WHEN YOU SAY THAT.

じ!?

(STARE)

ILLEGAL COILS...

...ALWAYS ATTRACT TROUBLE.

BASA

BASA

BASA (RUSTLE)

BATA (FLAP)

BATA

BATA (FLUTTER)

BATA

BATA

BATA

NN (LOOM)

SHOW-TIME?

YES. IT IS TIME.

LET US PUT ON A SPLENDID SHOW.

YUP. WE'LL GIVE THEM A SHOW TO REMEMBER.

We now present the *Angels of Black and White Wings*, which will be open to the public beginning tomorrow...

...for your viewing pleasure.

Members of the press, thank you for your patience.

KA

KA (FLASH)

KA

HO HO HO

SFX: PA (SNAP) PA PA

(WEEN)

GAPA (CLUNK)

HO HO...

SU

SU (SWISH)

BA

You see, it seems that one of the very first Coils is embedded in this statue.

Hmm-hmm-hmm. It is quite shocking. I understand.

ZAWA

ZAWA

ZAWA! M-RMJR?

THAT'S NOT HOW IT LOOKED IN THE PRESS RELEASE PHOTO!

LOOK AT ITS SHAPE ...

... WHAT?

...with time.

The statue moves...

KASHA (CLANK)

カシャ

KATA (RATTLE)

KATA

カタ

KATA

カタ

IF IT'S POWERED BY A COIL, IT WOULD STILL WORK EVEN AFTER SIXTEEN YEARS.

THAT EXPLAINS IT.

WHOA!

I WANT TO SEE IT UP CLOSE!

COOL!

Why did it begin to move? Has it ever moved before now?

NOW, THEN...

...WHEN WILL YOU CRASH THE PARTY, LOSER?

We were astounded.

To be quite frank, the statue suddenly started moving after it came to our museum.

NOBODY CARES! WE WANT LOSER!

LOSER!

Much of his collection was overflowing with originality ...

Only the late Mr. Ernest Aurenche, who kept it in his collection, would know.

He surrounded himself with art but led a reclusive life.

LOSER!

IT'S AS LOUD AS THUNDER.

WAAAH!

LOSER!

LOSER!

LOSER!

LOSER!

!!?

And, as I'm sure you are all aware... this piece... target-ed by..... ief.....

...fvvt —

IT WENT DARK!

HE'S GONE...

...!?

WHOA!

IT'S HIM!

LOSER HIJACKED THE COMMUNI-CATIONS FEED.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

PASHUSHU
PASHUSHU
PASHUSHU (PSHOO)
BAKA (CRACK)

...the Angels of Black and White Wings will be mine.
This very night...

SFX: GYURURURURURURU (WHRRR)
...WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
HE'S COMING!
IT'S LOSER!

GWAH!
BOGO (BROK)
BOGO
BOGO

GYURURURURU
BELOW US...
IT'S COMING FROM UNDER-GROUND !!

PUSHUUU (STEAM)

HE'S OVER THERE!

DOPADAPA (POP)

OOOH!

OVER THERE!

PAAAN (POP)

HYURURURURU

HYURURURURU (SHIWOO)

PAAAN

THE DEVICE WILL BE SOMEWHERE WITHIN THAT DISTANCE.

GET TO SEARCHING.

THE FIELD FOR HIS COMMUNICATIONS HIJACKING IS ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS.

WE'RE GOING AFTER HIS DEVICE, OBVIOUSLY.

WHAT DO WE DO?

...THE BEST WAY TO GET ONE IS TO ASK 'EM IN PERSON.

SU (SHING)

WHEN YOU'VE GOT NO ANSWERS ...

.....BUT HOW DO WE EVEN BEGIN TO LOOK FOR IT?

THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE!

FILE.07

FIREWORKS IN THE AIR

BIIIN (VEEN)

BASHW (BWOOSH)

BASHW

"IDAS."

BEGIN THE BROADCAST.

"LYNCEUS."

DA (BLIP)

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OOOOH!

PI (BEEP)

PI

PI

KA (FLASH)

...THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.

LET YOUR CHEERS REACH...

BUON (WOOM)

ON

PAY CLOSE ATTENTION.

YEAAH!

LOSEEER!

DOGADADA (POP)

PIP PIP PIP

UIN (WEEN)

ROGER.

G...

GET HIM, X-02!

DA (ZOOM)

KASHA (CLANK)

カシャ

SLOW.

PASHU! (PSHOO)

SHU

SHU

GA (GRAB)

GOT HIM—

BACHIIII (CRACKLE)

BOGYA (RIP)

!!?

KAN (BONG)

KAN

KO

SNAPPP

WAAAH!

STILL TOO SLOW.

KH... WHY, YOU...

STOP!

WORRY NOT.

DON'T LET LOSER GET INSIDE THE BUILDING!

I DO NOT KILL HUMANS.

BACHI (ZZIT)

BACHI

BUT YOU SHOULD FIGHT AS THOUGH YOUR LIFE WERE AT STAKE.

GURURURU (WHIRR)

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...I CAN USE THE CONFUSION TO SLIP IN.

NOW THAT LOSER'S HIJACKED ALL WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS...

TIME TO GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD.

BA (CHOP)

HEY!

BUT, MR. KYOUMA!

THE MUSEUM IS LOCKED DOWN!

I SEE HE'S USING EFFECTS.

THAT'S LOSER FOR YOU.

HE AIN'T FAMOUS FOR NOTHING.

FOR ALL WE KNOW, IT COULD BE THE SIZE OF A BEAN.

KAN (CLANG)

...WE'D NEVER EVEN COME CLOSE TO FINDING HIS DEVICE.

IF WE TRIED TO SEARCH EVERY INCH OF THIS CROWD WITHOUT A SINGLE CLUE...

...YOU WERE WAITING FOR THIS ALL ALONG ...?

THAT'S ANOTHER IRON RULE US COL-LECTORS LIVE BY.

THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM.

...SO MUCH POWER THAT YOU LOSE CONTROL OF IT.

NO MATTER HOW SMALL THEY ARE, THEY GIVE YOU UNLIMITED POWER...

THAT'S WHAT'S TROUBLE-SOME ABOUT ILLEGAL COILS.

GYUUU (STRETCH)

GIRI (PULL)

INSTANT CATAPULT.

PASHI

PASHI (SNAP)

EXTRA-LARGE RUBBER BANDS.

WH... WHAT ARE YOU...?

BIIIN (BING)

PAN (TWANG)

WHAT ABOUT ME!?

WH...

GASA (RUSTLE)

GASAN

WHAT WAS WITH THAT GUY?

.....

THEY SPREAD SOMETHING IN THE AIR.....

IT'S LOSER'S FIRE-WORKS.

I CAN'T USE ANYTHING OTHER THAN MY LIGHT SENSORS...

...THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE. MY SIGHT SENSORS HAVE BEEN GIVING ME ERRORS SINCE LOSER APPEARED.

HE'S SO RECK-LESS ...

HE DOESN'T PLAN. HE JUST RUSHES IN GUNG HO.....

UNDER THESE CONDITIONS ...

...HOW...

...CAN I SEARCH ...?

NOW HE'S WALKING ON WATER?

ZAPA (SPLISH)

ZAPA

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WHOA!

HEY!

WHO ARE YOU?

WHOOPS.

THOSE FEET...

FIRST, THE LIGHT FROM HIS HANDS, NOW THIS? HIS EQUIPMENT IS INSANE.

MY BAD.

GESH! (WHACK)

STO...

...PBB!

I'M A COLLEC-TOR.

YOU CAN FILE YOUR COMPLAINTS WITH NEW TESLA ENERGY.

AS IF NEW TESLA WOULD GIVE US THE TIME OF DAY!

ASS-HOLE!

HEY! GET BACK HERE!

WAIT FOR ME, LOSER!

...A FAST ONE.

WHO IS HE?

I'LL EXTRACT HIS I.D. .....

I THINK HE'S PROBABLY A COLLEC-TOR...

...JUST A SEC.

I'LL LOOK HIM UP...

WAIT, WHAT?

Okay, that's a non-starter.

He's not carrying any Coils.

NOT A SINGLE ONE?

Yeah, not even one.

This guy's practically a fossil!

YOU KNOW THE ANSWER.

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?

A LITTLE BIRD ONCE WHISPERED TO ME...

...OF A SKILLED COLLECTOR OF THE SAME DESCRIPTION LIVING IN CENTRAL 47.

SO THAT IS HIM.

HE'S HERE!

... 05! DON'T LET HIM GET THROUGH, 03...

DA (TAP)

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DA (BLAM)

DA

DA

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DA

VUVU (VRR)

GU-WAH!

DOGA (WHAM)

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9hit COMBO

UP...

...THE FLAIR!

BA (FLAP)

PERFECT!!

YEAAAH!

EXCUSE ME! COMING THROUGH ...!

BUT DON'T WORRY. THEY WON'T FIND IT.

...LOOKS LIKE THERE'S OTHERS SEARCHING FOR OUR COMMUNICATIONS SET-UP TOO...

ALL RIGHT.

YOU LEAVE THE CAMERAS AND DIRECTING TO ME.

Deploying high-viscosity sticky balls.

JIIN (VRRO) ウィーン

Warning.

JIIN ウィーン

JIIN ウィーン

...CLEAR.

FRONT GATE...

HYU!!! (WHOOSH) ヒョ

CHIRA (GLANCE) チラ

...and lie on the ground.

Please cover your eyes and mouth ...

KYULIN (VREEN) キューン

LEO BOOST.

HRM?

BAS-TARD.

HE PURPOSE-FULLY LEFT IT INTACT FOR ME.

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PO (POP) ポ

PO ポ

PO ポ

PO ポ

BECHA (SPLAT) ベチャ"

HYU ヒュ

BECHA ベチャ"

CHA チャ"

HIRI
HIRI (WHISPER)
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We can't use our radios because of Loser's communications jamming. We're using old-fashioned wired phones to coordinate. It seems he's as close as two floors above us.

He got through?

Yes, as far as we know...

ZAWA
ZAWA
ZAWA (MURMUR)
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We may have underestimated him.

What's the meaning of this? I thought he was a bumbling fool!

W-WE'RE LOOKING INTO IT NOW...

IS IT LOSER?

WHAT'S THE MATTER, DIRECTOR?

.....

DIRECTOR!

DIRECTOR!

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

I understand, sir.

Under any circumstances!

Stop him by any means possible.

I am not going to be Loser's first victim!

WE MOVED ALL OF THE MAJOR WORKS OF ART IN OUR COLLECTION TO A SECURE VAULT IN ADVANCE, SWITCHING THEM WITH COPIES IN CASE THIS VERY PREDICAMENT OCCURRED.

WHAT !?

I COULD NOT TELL AT ALL.

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ZAWA

NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE WON'T ALLOW HIM TO LAY SO MUCH AS A FINGER ON THE ANGELS NOR ANY OTHER PIECE IN THIS MUSEUM.

.....IT SEEMS THAT A ROBBER, WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE LOSER, IS ON THE PREMISES.

SADLY, NO.

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

WH ...?

CAN WE GO WITH YOU?

JUST A MOMENT, SIR! DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE NOT WAITING FOR LOSER HERE?

THE ANGELS WILL ALSO BE MOVED TO ANOTHER AREA MOMENTARILY.

I BET YOU'RE ALL HOPING I'LL BE HUMILIATED, AREN'T YOU? WELL, I'M THE ONE WITH HIS REPUTATION ON THE LINE!

SHUT UP, YOU VULTURES.

HEY!

GOOD-BYE.

WE CAME HERE TO GET FOOTAGE OF LOSER!

WAIT!

EXCUSE ME.

IT IS FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY.

IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE ...

...I CAN USE MY TRUMP CARD...

I HAVE TO AVOID IT.

HUMILIATION. COMPLETE AND UTTER HUMILIATION.

KASHA (CLANK)

KATA (CLICK)

KATA

KATA

ZU (ZIP)

TA (TAP)

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TA

TA

MY ROUTE IS BLOCKED.

!

KIKI (SKID)

THEY'RE GUIDING ME INTO THEIR OWN PATH...

AMUSING.

WALKING RIGHT INTO AN OBVIOUS TRAP, LOSER?

SHYUBA (SWOOSH)

KYUU (SKID)

GOU

TOLD YOU SO.

GASHA (CLANK)

GAPA (LIFT)

...halt.

KIII (CREAK)

In-truder ...

HYU (LEAP)

KA

KA (FLASH)

BACHII (CRACKLE)

NICE TRY.

BLION (WHOOM)

THIS MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S A BIG CHICKEN.

SETTING UP MURDEROUS BOTS...

GASSHU

TA (STMP)

GASSHU (GRASH)

GASSHU

SUTA (STMP)

DON CBLIMP

HEH. WELL, I'LL BE.

YOU ARE THE FIRST TO HAVE EVER TOUCHED MY BACK...

... COLLECTOR.

OOOH!

GET HIM!

IS HE AN ENEMY ?

HEY, THERE'S ANOTHER GUY NOW!

THAT IS WHY YOU GAVE CHASE? .....

KIND OF A PAIN TO SEARCH FOR IT.

WHAT AN HONOR.

SINCE I'M HERE, MIND TELLIN' ME THE WHERE-ABOUTS OF THAT DEVICE OF YOURS?

...BEFORE HE ENDS UP GOING BEYOND A POINT OF NO RETURN...

KNOWING HIM, HE WOULD...

I HAVE TO FIND THAT DEVICE AND STOP ALL OF THIS, AND FAST...

WAAAH!

OH GEEZ...

HE COULDN'T BE MORE CONSPIC-UOUS...

LOOKS TO ME LIKE THEY AREN'T EXACTLY LEGAL EITHER.

...I'LL JUST HAVE TO TAKE THE COILS ON YOUR HANDS AND FEET.

IF YOU WON'T TELL ME WHERE YOUR DEVICE IS...

GASHUD (GRASH)

Don't move.

Put your hands on your head.

GASHU

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO STEAL THEM AWAY?

.....OH, I'LL GIVE IT A GO.

...is futile.

Resis-tance...

GYU (CLENCH)

GA (CLASH)

WAAAAH!
THEY'RE FIGHTING!
SO HE WAS AN ENEMY!
GOOO, LOSEEER!
BEAT 'EM ALL DOWN!
DON'T LOSE, NEW GUY!

WHAT CAN I DO TO FIND THE DEVICE INTERFERING WITH ALL OF THE COMMUNICATIONS IN THIS AREA...

...EVEN IF I CAN'T TRACE IT OR USE MY SCANNERS?

URGH...

IF I'M NOT HUMAN, WHAT CAN I DO AS AN ANDROID?

THINK, MIRA!

THINK.

HA (GASP)

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...ACTION...

WAAAH!

SOME... ABNORMAL...

SOME-WHERE HIGH.

SOME-WHERE UNAFFECTED BY THE HIJACKING AND THE FIREWORKS.

I NEED TO BE FARTHER AWAY.

OH. THE PROBLEM IS THAT I'M HERE.

DIMENSION W 1 END

Dimension
W

MINI CORNER

INTRODUCTION TO *DIMENSION W*

NEW TESLA ENERGY INFORMATION CENTER

No. 1: Coils

I'm your guide, Rose.

Welcome ... ...to New Tesla Energy's Tower 47.

I look familiar, you say?

I'm sure that's just your imagination.

Why, yes.

I am the latest model of android developed by Dr. Seira Yurizaki.

My A.I. is version 3.83.

"WHAT ARE COILS?"

This is a frequently asked question.

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KA (TAP)

However, I am not able to elaborate as to the details of their structure and design.

That is classified information protected by international law.

If anyone were to leak this information, they would be tried in an international court of law. And in fact, only a few people in the entire world know everything there is to know about Coils.

...if you did try, Q.I., the D.A.B. elite force, would be on you in a flash.

So don't try it at home, okay?

Also...

It would be pointless unless you already had a full understanding of the role the towers play and the logic-defying physics of Dimension W.

Trying to reverse engineer Coils by taking them apart won't do you any good.

No matter where you are on Earth.

No exceptions.

Yes.

SHUUU (PSSH)

Which-ever plan you choose, when the Coil's expiration date comes, it will be collected or exchanged.

PISHA (SHUT)

Everyone asks that same question.

"Why did I guide you to this room?"

This is protocol for handling those who attempt to access classified information.

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Payment plans are split into two types.

The first type is the "unlimited power" plan. These expire after a fixed amount of time and require one payment at the time of plan activation only.

The other is the "lease"-type plan. These require no initial payment, but you are charged a basic service fee as well as a fee based on power usage.

APPENDIX.01
TRANSLATION NOTES

Yen conversion: While exchange rates fluctuate daily, a convenient conversion estimation is about ¥100 to 1 USD.

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"Q.I." is short for "Q-investigation force," with the "Q" referring to Coils because of its shape.

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Yakitori is grilled chicken served on skewers.

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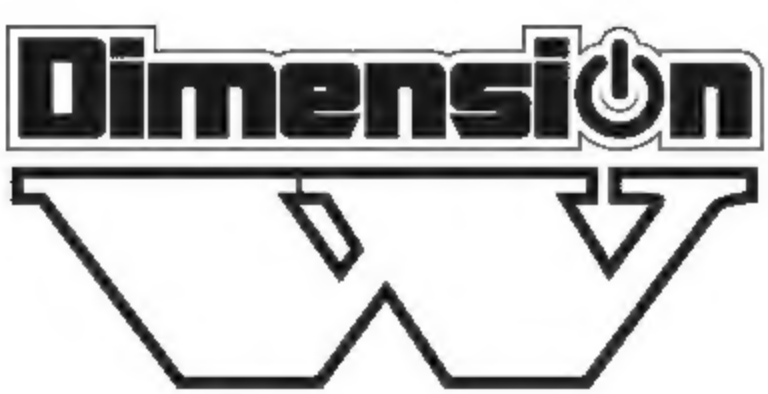
Ichigo is the Japanese word for "strawberry," thus the strawberry on Ichigo's clothes.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